Pacific Ethanol, Inc. Form 8-K November 02, 2016

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

# **CURRENT REPORT**

PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported) November 2, 2016

## PACIFIC ETHANOL, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware 000-21467 41-2170618

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation) (Commission File Number) (IRS Employer Identification No.)

400 Capitol Mall, Suite 2060 Sacramento, California 95814

(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (916)
403-2123

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (*see* General Instruction A.2. below):

- o Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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- o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

### Item 2.02. Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

On November 2, 2016, Pacific Ethanol, Inc. issued a press release announcing certain results of operations for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2016. A copy of the press release is furnished (not filed) as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K and is incorporated herein by reference.

The information furnished in this Item 2.02 of this Current Report on Form 8-K and Exhibit 99.1 attached hereto shall not be deemed "filed" for the purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section. The information in this Item 2.02 of this Current Report on Form 8-K is not incorporated by reference into any filings of Pacific Ethanol, Inc. made under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Exchange Act, whether made before or after the date of this Current Report on Form 8-K, regardless of any general incorporation language in the filing unless specifically stated so therein.

#### Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

#### (d) Exhibits.

# Number Description

99.1 Press Release dated November 2, 2016

## **SIGNATURE**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Date: November 2, 2016 PACIFIC ETHANOL, INC.

By: /S/ CHRISTOPHER W. WRIGHT Christopher W. Wright Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary

# EXHIBITS FILED WITH THIS REPORT

Number	<u>Description</u>

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