

GREEN PLAINS RENEWABLE ENERGY, INC.

Form 8-K

February 04, 2008

**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

**Washington, D.C. 20549**

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**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)

**February 4, 2008**

**GREEN PLAINS RENEWABLE ENERGY, INC.**  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Iowa**

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

**333-121321**

(Commission file number)

**84-1652107**

(IRS employer identification no.)

**105 N. 31<sup>st</sup> Avenue, Suite 103, Omaha, Nebraska**

**68131**

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip code)

**(402) 884-8700**

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

S Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)

S Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)

£ Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))

£ Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

**Item 8.01. Other Events**

Green Plains Renewable Energy Inc. received an affirmative vote this afternoon from the voting members of the Great Lakes Cooperative on the previously-announced merger proposal. The merger is expected to close sometime in March, subject to certain additional conditions and contingencies. Upon completion, Great Lakes will become a wholly-owned subsidiary of Green Plains.

Pursuant to the merger proposal, Great Lakes members will receive \$12.5 million in cash and 551,065 shares of Green Plains common stock. Great Lakes investments in regional cooperatives are excluded from the merger. Great Lakes business units and assets will be incorporated into Green Plains vertically-integrated operations.

**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits**

**(d) Exhibits**

<b><u>Number</u></b>	<b><u>Description</u></b>
99.1	Press Release, dated February 4, 2008

**SIGNATURES**

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.

**GREEN PLAINS RENEWABLE ENERGY, INC.**

By: */s/ Wayne B. Hoovestol*

Date: February 4, 2008

Wayne B. Hoovestol  
Chief Executive Officer

(Principal Executive Officer)