UNITED STATES 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): August 2, 2010



CHENIERE ENERGY, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

1-16383

(Commission File Number)

95-4352386

(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

700 Milam Street Suite 800 Houston, Texas

(Address of principal executive offices)

77002

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (713) 375-5000

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):

- □ Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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- □ 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 5.02. Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.

On August 2, 2010, J. Robinson West resigned as a director of Cheniere Energy, Inc. (the "Company") in order to devote more time to his position as Chairman of PFC Energy and other pursuits. In addition, the Board of Directors of the Company elected Mr. G. Andrea Botta to replace Mr. West as a director of the Company. Mr. Botta was elected as a Class III director of the Company to serve in such office until the 2013 annual meeting of the stockholders of the Company or until his successor shall be duly elected and qualified.

Item 8.01 Other Events.

On August 3, 2010, the Company issued a press release regarding the election of Mr. Botta as a director, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

d) Exhibits

Exhibit

Number <u>Description</u>

99.1* Press Release, dated August 3, 2010.

* Filed herewith.

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.

CHENIERE ENERGY INC

/s/ Meg A. Gentle

Meg A. Gentle Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

Date: August 3, 2010

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CHENIERE ENERGY, INC. NEWS RELEASE

Cheniere Energy Elects G. Andrea Botta to Board of Directors

Houston, Texas - August 3, 2010 - Cheniere Energy, Inc. (NYSE Amex: LNG) announced today that G. Andrea Botta has been elected to its Board of Directors.

Mr. Botta has served as President of Glenco LLC ("Glenco"), a private investment company since February 2006. Prior to joining Glenco, Mr. Botta served as managing director of Morgan Stanley from 1999 to February 2006. Before joining Morgan Stanley, he was President of EXOR America, Inc. (formerly IFINT-USA, Inc.) from 1993 until September 1999 and for more than five years prior thereto, Vice President of Acquisitions of IFINT-USA, Inc. Mr. Botta earned a degree in economics and business administration from the University of Torino in 1976. He currently serves on the board of directors of Graphic Packaging Holding Company.

Cheniere Energy, Inc. is a Houston-based energy company primarily engaged in LNG related businesses, and owns and operates the Sabine Pass LNG receiving terminal and Creole Trail pipeline in Louisiana. Cheniere is pursuing related business opportunities both upstream and downstream of the Sabine Pass LNG receiving terminal. Additional information about Cheniere Energy, Inc. may be found on its web site at www.cheniere.com.

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