

ENVIRONMENTAL POWER CORP

Form 8-K

October 16, 2006

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# SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

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## FORM 8-K

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CURRENT REPORT

PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(D) OF THE

SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

Date of report (Date of earliest event reported): October 11, 2006

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# ENVIRONMENTAL POWER CORPORATION

(Exact name of Company as specified in its charter)

**Delaware**  
(State or other jurisdiction

**001-32393**  
(Commission File Number)

**75-3117389**  
(IRS Employer

of incorporation)

**One Cate Street, Fourth Floor, Portsmouth, New Hampshire 03801**

Identification Number)

(Address of principal executive offices, including zip code)

**(603) 431-1780**

(Company's telephone number, including area code)

**NONE**

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

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**ITEM 1.01. ENTRY INTO MATERIAL DEFINITIVE AGREEMENT**

***Employment Offer Letter with Dennis Haines***

On October 11, 2006, Environmental Power Corporation (the Company) entered into an offer letter with Dennis Haines (the Offer Letter) regarding Mr. Haines' employment as Vice President and General Counsel of the Company. The Offer Letter provides for the following principal terms:

An annual salary of \$210,000.

Subject to the approval of the Compensation Committee of the Company's Board of Directors, the grant of one or more non-statutory stock options (the Options) to purchase an aggregate of 100,000 shares of the Company's common stock, vesting in three installments of 25,000 shares each on the six, 12 and 24 month anniversaries of Mr. Haines' hire date, and with respect to an additional 25,000 shares in the event that the closing price of the Company's common stock equals or exceeds \$10.00 per share on or before December 31, 2007. The Options will have an exercise equal to the fair market value of the Company's common stock on the date of grant. Mr. Haines will be eligible for future awards under equity compensation plans adopted by the Company from time to time for which senior executives are generally eligible, with the level, terms and conditions of such participation determined by the Company's Board of Directors in its sole discretion.

Eligibility to participate at the same level as other executives reporting directly to the chief executive officer of the Company in any bonus plan adopted by the Company from time to time, subject to the terms of any such plan.

The following benefits, as well as such other medical, dental, retirement and other benefits as are made available from time to time to other senior executives of the Company:

An automobile allowance not to exceed \$750.00 per month;

Reimbursement for long-term disability and life insurance coverage premiums paid by Mr. Haines, in an amount not to exceed \$5,000.00 per year; and

Reimbursement for the costs of continuing legal education, professional license fees and membership in a professional organization, up to a maximum of \$1,750.00 annually.

The Offer Letter further provides that, notwithstanding the fact that Mr. Haines will be an employee-at-will, he will be entitled severance equal to 12 months of his then current base salary if he is terminated as a result of job elimination or termination without cause, and not as a result of discharge for cause, retirement, disability, death or voluntary resignation, with such severance payable in a lump sum upon termination. In addition to severance, Mr. Haines will also be entitled to reimbursement for 12 months of continued medical coverage.

The foregoing description of the Offer Letter is qualified in its entirety by reference to the Offer Letter, a copy of which is filed as Exhibit 10.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K.

**ITEM 9.01. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS**

**(d) Exhibits**

10.1 Employment Offer Letter, dated October 11, 2006, between the Company and Dennis Haines

**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.

**ENVIRONMENTAL POWER CORPORATION**

By: /s/ Richard E. Kessel  
Richard E. Kessel  
President and Chief Executive Officer

Dated: October 16, 2006