

HICKORY TECH CORP
Form 8-K
March 22, 2007

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): **March 19, 2007**

HICKORY TECH CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Minnesota
(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)

0-13721
(Commission file number)

41-1524393
(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

**221 East Hickory Street, P.O. Box 3248, Mankato,
MN**
(Address of principal executive offices)

56002-3248
(Zip Code)

(800) 326-5789

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Not Applicable

(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):

- ☐ 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))

- o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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Item 4.01. Changes in Registrant's Certifying Accountant

(a) PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP ("PricewaterhouseCoopers") has served as the independent registered public accounting firm of HickoryTech Corporation (the "Company") since 1998. The Audit Committee of the Company recently requested management of the Company to address its concerns about the increasing costs of audit services. Based on the investigation of alternatives done by management and by the Audit Committee, and after consulting with representatives of PricewaterhouseCoopers, on March 19, 2006, the Audit Committee dismissed PricewaterhouseCoopers as the Company's independent registered public accounting firm for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2007.

The reports of PricewaterhouseCoopers on the financial statements of the Company for the years ended December 31, 2006 and 2005 contained no adverse opinion or disclaimer of opinion and were not qualified or modified as to uncertainty, audit scope or accounting principles.

In connection with its audits for each of the two most recent fiscal years and through March 19, 2007, there have been no disagreements (as described in Regulation S-K Item 304(a)(1)(iv)) between PricewaterhouseCoopers and the Company on any matter of accounting principles or practices, financial statement disclosure or auditing scope or procedure, which disagreements, if not resolved to the satisfaction of PricewaterhouseCoopers, would have caused PricewaterhouseCoopers to make reference thereto in its report on the financial statements for such years.

During the two most recent fiscal years and through March 19, 2007, there have been no reportable events (as outlined in Regulation S-K Item 304 (a)(1)(v)).

The Company has requested that PricewaterhouseCoopers furnish the Company with a letter addressed to the Securities and Exchange Commission stating whether or not it agrees with the above statements. A copy of such letter will be filed as an amendment to this Form 8-K.

b) On March 19, 2007, the Audit Committee approved the appointment of Grant Thornton LLP ("Grant Thornton") as the Company's independent registered public accounting firm for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2007. The Company has had no occasions in the past two years and through March 19, 2007 upon which it has consulted with Grant Thornton on any matters.

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: March 22, 2007

HICKORY TECH CORPORATION

By: /s/ John W. Finke
Name: John W. Finke
Title: President and CEO

By /s/ David A. Christensen_
Name: David A. Christensen
Title: Senior VP and CFO
