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Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2 of this chapter).

Emerging growth company

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

**Item 8.01 Other Events.**

On July 17, 2017, a subsidiary of Genie Energy Ltd. (the “Registrant”) entered into a definitive agreement with a partner to launch a joint venture offering electricity and natural gas service to residential and small business customers in the United Kingdom.

The Registrant is committed to provide the joint venture with £985,000 in initial funding including £75,000 that was provided on signing of the agreement. Funding could increase to £5,975,000 between the launch of the joint venture and August 1, 2018 contingent on the achievement by the venture of performance based milestones.

**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.

**GENIE ENERGY LTD.**

By: /s/ Howard S. Jonas  
Name: Howard S. Jonas

Title: Chief Executive Officer

Dated: July 20, 2017