MERCURY GENERAL CORP Form 8-K January 28, 2009

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): January 26, 2009

MERCURY GENERAL CORPORATION

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

California (State or Other Jurisdiction of 001-12257 (Commission 95-221-1612 (I.R.S. Employer

Incorporation)

File Number)
4484 Wilshire Boulevard

Identification No.)

Los Angeles, California 90010

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

(323) 937-1060

(Registrant s telephone number, including area code)

Not applicable

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

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- " 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 January 26, 2009, Mercury General Corporation (the Company) received the resignation of Charles E. McClung from the Board of Directors of the Company effective immediately. Mr. McClung has been a director of the Company and its predecessor since 1961 and the Board of Directors expresses its appreciation to Mr. McClung for his nearly 50 years of service on behalf of the Company and his invaluable advice on all types of agent matters. Mr. McClung had no disagreements with the Company, its Board of Directors or its management in any matter relating to the Company s operations, policies or practices.

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.

Date: January 28, 2009 MERCURY GENERAL CORPORATION

By: /s/ THEODORE STALICK
Name: Theodore Stalick
Its: Chief Financial Officer

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