

HICKORY TECH CORP  
Form 8-K  
April 10, 2002

**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): April 8, 2002

**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**  
(IRS Employer  
Identification Number)

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

**56002-3248**  
(Zip code)

Registrant's telephone number including area code

**(800) 326-5789**

ITEM 5. OTHER EVENTS.

On April 8, 2002, HickoryTech announced that Robert D. Alton, Jr. has advised the Board of Directors that he plans to retire as President and Chief Executive Officer within the next year. A special committee of the Board of Directors has been appointed to lead the search process for Alton's successor. A national executive search firm has been retained to aid in the search process, which is expected to take as long as nine months.

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, hereto duly authorized.

Date: April 10, 2002

HICKORY TECH CORPORATION

By /s/ Robert D. Alton, Jr.  
Robert D. Alton, Jr.  
Chief Executive Officer

By /s/ David A. Christensen  
David A. Christensen  
Chief Financial Officer