



**550 Broad Street**

**07102**

**Newark, New Jersey**

**(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)**

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (973) 438-3500

Not Applicable

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

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**Item 8.01 Other Events.**

On February 1, 2016, Israel's Northern District Planning and Building Committee approved a two-year permit extension for Genie Energy Ltd.'s subsidiary Afek Oil and Gas Ltd. ("Afek") to continue to conduct its ten-well oil and gas exploration program. The original permit was for a one-year period, which commenced in February 2015. The permit extension was proposed on November 2, 2015, which commenced a 60-day public comment period. Following that period, the Committee met and approved the extension. This extension is expected to cover the remainder of Afek's ongoing exploratory program in the southern portion of the area covered by its exploratory license issued by Israel's National Infrastructure, Energy and Water Ministry.

**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: February 4, 2016