

MERCURY GENERAL CORP  
Form 8-K  
October 19, 2011

**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): October 17, 2011

**MERCURY GENERAL CORPORATION**

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

**California**  
(State or Other Jurisdiction  
of Incorporation)

**001-12257**  
(Commission  
File Number)

**95-221-1612**  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

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**4484 Wilshire Boulevard**

**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 October 17, 2011, Mercury General Corporation (the Company ) was notified by Nathan Bessin, 85, of his intention to retire from the Board of Directors of the Company for medical and age-related reasons effective at the end of 2011. Mr. Bessin has been a director of the Company since 1991 and currently serves as Chairman of the Audit Committee and a member of the Nominating/Corporate Governance Committee of the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors expresses its appreciation to Mr. Bessin for his more than 20 years of Board and Committee service on behalf of the Company. Mr. Bessin 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: October 19, 2011

**MERCURY GENERAL CORPORATION**

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

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