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 13, 2020

TRI-STATE GENERATION AND TRANSMISSION ASSOCIATION, INC.

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

| COLORADO | 333-212006 | 84-0464189 |
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| (State or other jurisdiction | (Commission | (I.R.S. Employer |
| of incorporation) | File Number) | Identification No.) |

1100 W. 116th Avenue Westminster, Colorado (Address of principal executive offices)

80234 (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code (303) 452-6111

None

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

| Che | ck the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the |
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| regi | strant under any of the following provisions: |
| | Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425) |

- □ Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
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- □ Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- □ Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

| Title of each class | Trading Symbol(s) | Name of each exchange on which | |
|---------------------|-------------------|--------------------------------|--|
| | | registered | |
| None | None | None | |

| Indicate by check | mark whether the registr | ant is an emerging growt | th company as defined | in Rule 405 of the S | Securities Act |
|-------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|----------------|
| of 1933 (§230.405 | of this chapter) or Rule | 12b-2 of the Securities E | 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. \Box

Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.

On October 13, 2020, we received from our member, Empire Electric Association, Inc., as required by our bylaws, certification that such member has elected Jerry Fetterman to replace William Mollenkopf as the director representing such member on our Board of Directors. Mr. Fetterman is expected to serve on the External Affairs-Member Relations Committee.

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 thereunto duly authorized.

Date: October 14, 2020

TRI-STATE GENERATION AND TRANSMISSION ASSOCIATION, INC.

By: /s/ Patrick L. Bridges

Patrick L. Bridges Senior Vice President/Chief Financial Officer