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**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549**

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**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): **March 16, 2017**

**TRI-STATE GENERATION AND  
TRANSMISSION ASSOCIATION, INC.**

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

**COLORADO**  
(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

**333-212006**  
(Commission  
File Number)

**84-0464189**  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

**1100 W. 116<sup>th</sup> 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)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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**Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.**

On March 16, 2017, we received from our member, Garland Light & Power Company, as required by our bylaws, certification that such member has elected Peggy Ruble to replace Jerry Thompson as the director representing such member on our Board of Directors effective as of our annual meeting, which is scheduled for April 5, 2017. At this time it has not been determined on which committee Ms. Ruble will serve.

**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.

**TRI-STATE GENERATION AND TRANSMISSION  
ASSOCIATION, INC.**

Date: March 20, 2017

By: /s/ Patrick L. Bridges

Patrick L. Bridges

Senior Vice President/Chief Financial Officer