

KEY ENERGY SERVICES INC  
Form 8-A12B  
September 24, 2007

**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

**Form 8-A**

**FOR REGISTRATION OF CERTAIN CLASSES OF SECURITIES  
PURSUANT TO SECTION 12(b) or 12(g) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

**KEY ENERGY SERVICES, INC.**

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

**Maryland**  
(State of Incorporation or organization)

**04-2648081**  
(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

**1301 McKinney Street, Suite 1800, Houston, Texas**  
(Address of principal executive offices)  
Securities to be registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

**77010**  
(Zip Code)

**Title of each class  
to be so registered**

Common Stock, \$.10 par value

**Name of each exchange on which  
each class is to be registered**

New York Stock Exchange

If this form relates to the registration of a class of securities pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Exchange Act and is effective pursuant to General Instructions A.(c), check the following box.  x

If this form relates to the registration of a class of securities pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Exchange Act and is effective pursuant to General Instruction A.(d), check the following box.  o

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Securities Act registration statement file number to which this form relates: NA (if applicable)

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

**None**

(Title of class)

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**INFORMATION REQUIRED IN REGISTRATION STATEMENT**

**Item 1. Description of Registrant's Securities to be Registered.**

All shares of capital stock are initially classified as common stock, par value \$.10 per share ( Common Stock ). Each share of common stock is entitled to one vote in the election of directors and other corporate matters. Each share of Common Stock entitled to vote with respect to the election of directors may be voted for as many individuals as there are directors to be elected. The holders of Common Stock do not have cumulative voting rights, which means that the holders of a majority of the votes entitled to be cast by holders of the outstanding Common Stock are able to elect all of the Company's directors. The Company has a classified Board of Directors, consisting of three staggered classes of directors, as nearly equal in number as possible. The Company's Bylaws also provide that the authorized number of directors may be changed only by action of a majority of the Board of Directors. Any additional directorships resulting from an increase in the number of directors will be distributed among the three classes so that, as nearly as possible, each class will consist of one-third of the total number of directors. Vacancies and newly created directorships may be filled by the affirmative vote of a majority of our directors then in office, even if less than a quorum. The Bylaws also provide that no director may be removed except for cause and then only by a vote of at least two-thirds of the total eligible shareholder votes, and also require the vote of a majority of the shareholders of the Company to call a special meeting of shareholders.

The Common Stock has no redemption provisions and the holders thereof have no preemptive rights. The holders of Common Stock are entitled to receive dividends in such amounts as may be declared by the Board of Directors, as permitted by applicable law, and upon liquidation, dissolution, or winding up of the Company subject to the rights of any preferred stock then outstanding, the holders of Common Stock are entitled to share ratably in the Company's assets according to the number of shares they hold. The transfer agent and registrar for the Common Stock is American Stock Transfer & Trust Company, New York, New York.

The Board of Directors has the power under the Company's Articles of Restatement without the need of any stockholder action, to classify and reclassify any unissued shares of capital stock by setting or changing in any one or more respects the preferences, conversion of other rights, voting powers, restrictions, limitations as to dividends, qualifications or terms or conditions of redemption of such shares of stock, except that the Company's Articles of Restatement provide that no such classification or reclassification shall create a class of stock which (i) may have more than one vote per share, (ii) may be issued in connection with any shareholder rights plans, poison pill or other anti-takeover measure, or (iii) may be issued for less than fair consideration, as determined in good faith by the Board of Directors.

**Item 2. Exhibits**

- 3.1 Articles of Restatement of the Company (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.1 of the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2006, File No. 1-8038).
- 3.2 Unanimous consent of the Board of Directors of the Company dated January 11, 2000, limiting the designation of the additional authorized shares to common stock. (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.2 of the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 31, 2000, File No. 1-8038).
- 3.3 Second Amended and Restated By-laws of Key Energy Services, Inc. (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.1 of the Company's Form 8-K filed on September 22, 2006, File No. 1-8038).

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Pursuant to the requirements of Section 12 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this Registration Statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereto duly authorized.

Key Energy Services, Inc.  
(Registrant)

Date: September 24, 2007

By: /s/ Newton W. Wilson III  
Newton W. Wilson III  
Senior Vice President and General Counsel