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ENERGY FOCUS, INC/DE Form 8-K January 22, 2019

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): January 18, 2019

ENERGY FOCUS, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware 001-36583 94-3021850

(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation) (Commission File Number) (I.R.S. Employer

Identification Number)

32000 Aurora Road, Suite B

Solon, Ohio 44139 (Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

(440) 715-1300

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Not Applicable

(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 obligations of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below):

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)

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))

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2 of this

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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.

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Item 3.01. Notice of Delisting or Failure to Satisfy a Continued Listing Rule or Standard; Transfer of Listing.

On January 18, 2019, the Company received a notification from the Nasdaq Stock Market ("Nasdaq") informing the Company that, for the last 30 consecutive business days, the closing bid price for the Company's common stock was below the minimum \$1.00 per share required pursuant to Nasdaq Listing Rule 5550(a)(2) (the "Bid Price Rule"). In accordance with Nasdaq Listing Rule 5810(c)(3)(A), the Company has been provided an initial period of 180 calendar days, or until July 17, 2019 (the "Compliance Date"), to regain compliance with the Bid Price Rule. During the initial compliance period, the Company's common stock will continue to trade on the Nasdaq Capital Market. If, at any time before the Compliance Date, the closing bid price for the Company's common stock is at least \$1.00 for a minimum of 10 consecutive business days, the Nasdaq staff will provide written notification to the Company that it complies with the Bid Price Rule.

If the Company does not regain compliance by July 17, 2019, an additional 180 calendar days may be granted to regain compliance, so long as the Company meets the Nasdaq Capital Market initial listing criteria (except for the bid price requirement) and notifies Nasdaq in writing of its intention to cure the deficiency during the second compliance period. If the Company does not qualify for the second compliance period or fails to regain compliance during the second 180 calendar days, then Nasdaq will notify the Company of its determination to delist the Company's common stock, at which point the Company would have an opportunity to appeal the delisting determination to a hearings panel. There is no assurance, however, that the Company will be eligible for an additional compliance period or that the Company's common stock will not be delisted from Nasdaq.

The notification has no immediate effect on the listing of the Company's common stock on Nasdaq. The Company intends to monitor the closing bid price of its common stock and may, if appropriate, consider implementing available options to regain compliance with the minimum bid price requirement under the Nasdaq Listing Rules.

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.

Dated: January 22, 2019

ENERGY FOCUS, INC.

By: /s/ Jerry Turin Name: Jerry Turin

Title: Chief Financial Officer and Secretary