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**Approximate date of proposed sale to the public:** From time to time after this Registration Statement becomes effective.

If the only securities being registered on this Form are being offered pursuant to dividend or interest reinvestment plans, please check the following box.

If any of the securities being registered on this Form are to be offered on a delayed or continuous basis pursuant to Rule 415 under the Securities Act of 1933, other than securities offered only in connection with dividend or interest reinvestment plans, check the following box.

If this Form is filed to register additional securities for an offering pursuant to Rule 462(b) under the Securities Act, please check the following box and list the Securities Act registration number of the earlier effective registration statement for the same offering.

If this Form is a post-effective amendment filed pursuant to Rule 462(c) under the Securities Act, check the following box and list the Securities Act registration statement number of the earlier effective registration statement for the same offering.

If this Form is a registration statement pursuant to General Instruction I.D. or a post-effective amendment thereto that shall become effective upon filing with the Commission pursuant to Rule 462(e) under the Securities Act, check the following box.

If this Form is a post-effective amendment to a registration statement filed pursuant to General Instruction I.D. filed to register additional securities or additional classes of securities pursuant to Rule 413(b) under the Securities Act, check the following box.

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, or a smaller reporting company. See the definitions of "large accelerated filer," "accelerated filer" and "smaller reporting company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act. (Check one):

Large accelerated filer

Accelerated filer

Non-accelerated filer  (Do not check if a smaller reporting company)

Smaller reporting company

**The Registrant hereby amends this registration statement on such date or dates as may be necessary to delay its effective date until the Registrant shall file a further amendment which specifically states that this registration statement shall thereafter become effective in accordance with Section 8(a) of the Securities Act of 1933 or until the registration statement becomes effective on such date as the Commission, acting under Section 8(a), may determine.**

**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

This Post-Effective Amendment No. 1 to Form S-3 Registration Statement (File No. 333-178685) (the “Registration Statement”) is being filed pursuant to Rule 462(d) under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, solely to add an exhibit to such Registration Statement. No changes have been made to Part I or Part II of the Registration Statement other than to add an exhibit under Item 16(a) of Part II as set forth below.

The Registration Statement, initially filed on Form S-1 on December 22, 2011, was previously post-effectively amended by a Post-Effective Amendment No. 1 to Form S-1 on Form S-3 on March 8, 2012.

PART II

INFORMATION NOT REQUIRED IN PROSPECTUS

**ITEM 16. EXHIBITS AND FINANCIAL STATEMENT SCHEDULES.**

**(a) Exhibits.**

The following exhibit is filed as part of this Registration Statement:

<b>Exhibit Number</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Where Located</b>		<b>Filing Date</b>	<b>Filed Herewith</b>
		<b>Form Number</b>	<b>Exhibit Number</b>		
23.2	Consent of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm				X

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, the Registrant has duly caused this Registration Statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of Sacramento, State of California, on this 7<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2014.

Pacific Ethanol, Inc.,  
a Delaware corporation

By: /s/ NEIL M. KOEHLER  
Neil M. Koehler  
Chief Executive Officer

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, this registration statement has been signed by the following persons in the capacities and on the dates indicated.

<b>Signature</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Date</b>
/s/ *	Chairman of the Board and Director	March 7, 2014
William L. Jones		
/s/ NEIL M. KOEHLER	President, Chief Executive Officer (principal executive officer) and Director	March 7, 2014
Neil M. Koehler		
/s/ *	Chief Financial Officer (principal financial and accounting officer)	March 7, 2014
Bryon T. McGregor		
/s/ *	Director	

Terry L. Stone		March 7, 2014
/s/ *		
	Director	March 7, 2014
John L. Prince		
/s/ *		
	Director	March 7, 2014
Douglas L. Kieta		
/s/ *		
	Director	March 7, 2014
Larry D. Layne		
/s/ *		
	Director	March 7, 2014
Michael D. Kandris		
*/s/ NEIL M. KOEHLER		
Neil M. Koehler, Attorney-In-Fact		March 7, 2014

EXHIBITS FILED HEREWITH

**Exhibit**

**Number Description**

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