UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, DC 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

> DATE OF REPORT: November 1, 2016 (Date of earliest event reported)

POWELL INDUSTRIES, INC.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

Delaware (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization) 001-12488 (Commission File Number)

8550 Mosley Road Houston, Texas (Address of Principal Executive Offices) 88-0106100 (I.R.S. Employer Identification Number)

> 77075-1180 (Zip Code)

(713) 944-6900

(Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

N/A

(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 (17CFR230.425)

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Dere-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17CFR240.13e-4(c))

Item 8.01 – Other Events

On November 1, 2016, Powell Industries, Inc. (the "Company") issued a press release announcing that its Board of Directors declared a quarterly cash dividend of \$0.26 per share payable to shareholders of record on November 16, 2016. This dividend will be paid on December 14, 2016. A copy of such press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 9.01 – Financial Statements and Exhibits

(d) Exhibits. The following exhibits are furnished as part of this Report.

Exhibit <u>Number</u>	Description
99.1	Press release dated November 1, 2016

SIGNATURES

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: November 1, 2016

POWELL INDUSTRIES, INC.

By: /s/ DON R. MADISON

Don R. Madison Executive Vice President Chief Financial and Administrative Officer (Principal Financial Officer)



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

PRESS RELEASE

Contact: Don R. Madison, CFO Powell Industries, Inc. 713-947-4422

POWELL INDUSTRIES DECLARES QUARTERLY CASH DIVIDEND

HOUSTON — NOVEMBER 1, 2016 — Powell Industries, Inc. (NASDAQ: POWL), a leading supplier of custom engineered solutions for the management, control and distribution of electrical energy, today announced that its Board of Directors has declared a quarterly cash dividend on the Company's common stock in the amount of \$0.26 per share. The dividend is payable on December 14, 2016 to shareholders of record at the close of business on November 16, 2016.

Powell Industries, Inc., headquartered in Houston, engineers packaged solutions and systems for the management, control and distribution of electrical energy. Powell markets include large industrial customers such as utilities, oil and gas producers, refineries, petrochemical plants, pulp and paper producers, mining operations and commuter railways. For more information, please visit powellind.com.

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