
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: **April 27, 2004**
(Date of earliest event reported)

Appliance Recycling Centers of America, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Minnesota
(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation or organization)

000-19621
Commission
File No.

41-1454591
(I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)

7400 Excelsior Boulevard
Minneapolis, MN
(Address of principal executive offices)

55426-4517

(952) 930-9000
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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ITEM 12: RESULTS OF OPERATIONS AND FINANCIAL CONDITION

The following information is furnished pursuant to Item 12, "Disclosure of Results of Operations and Financial Condition."

On April 27, 2004, Appliance Recycling Centers of America, Inc. issued a press release announcing that it and Southern California Edison Company (SCE) jointly received a Stratospheric Ozone Protection Award from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). A copy of the press release is attached as an exhibit to this filing on Form 8-K.

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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.

APPLIANCE RECYCLING CENTERS OF AMERICA, INC.

Date: April 27, 2004

/s/Linda Koenig
Linda Koenig, Vice President of Finance

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Appliance Recycling Centers of America

Receives Award From EPA for

Environmentally Friendly Refrigerator Recycling Program

Minneapolis, MN—April 27, 2004—Appliance Recycling Centers of America, Inc. (OTC BB: ARCI) today announced that it and Southern California Edison Company (SCE) jointly received a Stratospheric Ozone Protection Award from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ARCA and SCE, which were among 29 recipients worldwide recognized for their efforts in protecting the earth's climate and ozone layer, were honored for recovering 23 tons of ozone-depleting materials through SCE's residential refrigerator and freezer recycling program. Since 1994, ARCA has recycled more than 400,000 inefficient refrigerators and freezers in support of the SCE program.

Through SCE's residential appliance recycling program, customers are paid to turn in their unwanted, working refrigerators or freezers. ARCA hauls away the old appliances at no cost to the customer and recycles the units, using a special process at its Compton, California, facility to recover chlorofluorocarbons from polyurethane foam insulation that would otherwise have been released into the atmosphere. The recovered material is then used to service refrigeration equipment.

Since older, less-efficient appliances use more energy to operate than newer, ENERGY STAR®-rated appliances, the use of energy-efficient appliances can significantly reduce California's need to build new power plants and have a significant impact on California's energy conservation efforts.

Edward R. (Jack) Cameron, ARCA's president and chief executive officer, commented: "We are proud to be a part of SCE's efforts to conserve energy and improve the environment, while also helping Californians save money on their energy bills. At a time of rapidly rising energy costs, SCE's efforts become all the more important, and we are exploring opportunities for implementing similar residential energy conservation programs in other parts of the country."

About ARCA

ARCA is one of the nation's largest recyclers of major household appliances for the energy conservation programs of electric utilities. Through its ApplianceSmart (www.ApplianceSmart.com) operation, ARCA is also one of the nation's leading retailers of special-buy household appliances, primarily those manufactured by Maytag, GE, Frigidaire and Whirlpool. These special-buy appliances, which include close-outs, factory overruns and scratch-and-dent units, typically are not integrated into the manufacturer's normal distribution channel. ApplianceSmart sells these virtually new appliances at a discount to full retail, offers a 100% money-back guarantee and provides warranties on parts and labor. As of April 2004, ApplianceSmart was operating nine factory outlets: four in the Minneapolis/St. Paul market; three in the Columbus, Ohio, market; one in the Atlanta market; and one in Los Angeles.

About Southern California Edison

An Edison International (NYSE:EIX) company, Southern California Edison is one of the nation's largest electric utilities, serving a population of more than 12 million via 4.6 million customer accounts in a 50,000-square-mile service area within central, coastal and Southern California.

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