81-0553291

(IRS Employer

Identification No.)

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, DC 20549

Amendment No. 3 to FORM S-4 REGISTRATION STATEMENT

UNDER
THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933

H&E Equipment Services, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Commission File Number: 000-51759

Delaware (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

7350 (Primary Standard Industrial Classification Code Number)

7500 Pecue Lane Baton Rouge, LA 70809

(Address of principal executive offices, including zip code)

 $\begin{tabular}{ll} (225)\ 298-5200 \\ (Registrant's\ telephone\ number,\ including\ area\ code) \\ \end{tabular}$

See Table of Additional Registrants Below

John M. Engquist Chief Executive Officer 7500 Pecue Lane Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70809 (225) 298-5200

(Name, Address, Including Zip Code, and Telephone Number, Including Area Code, of Agent for Service)

Copies to:
Richard A. Goldberg, Esquire
Dechert LLP
1095 Avenue of the Americas
New York, New York 10036-6797
(212) 698-3500

Approximate date of commencement of proposed sale to public: As soon as practicable after this Registration Statement becomes effective.

If the securities being registered on this Form are being offered in connection with the formation of a holding company and there is compliance with
General Instruction G, check the following box. \Box
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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.			
Large accelerated filer		Accelerated filer	\boxtimes
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If applicable, place an X in the box to designate the appropriate rule provision relied upon in conducting this transaction:			
Exchange Act Rule 13e-4(i) (Cross-Border Issuer Tender Offer) \Box			
Exchange Act Rule 14d-1(d) (Cross-Border Third-Party Tender Offer)			
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 or until this Registration Statement shall become effective on such date as the Securities and Exchange Commission, acting pursuant to said Section 8(a), may determine.			

Table of Additional Registrants

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GNE Investments, Inc.	Washington	41-1561043
Great Northern Equipment, Inc.	Montana	81-0448694
H&E California Holding, Inc.	California	33-0613371
H&E Equipment Services (California), LLC	Delaware	20-1870322
H&E Equipment Services (Mid-Atlantic), Inc.	Virginia	41-2085749
H&E Finance Corp.	Delaware	02-0602822

The address for service of each of the additional registrants is: 7500 Pecue Lane, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70809. The telephone number at that address is (225) 298-5200. The primary standard industrial classification number for each of the additional registrants is 7350.

EXPLANATORY NOTE			
This Amendment is being filed solely for the purpose of refiling Exhibit 5.4. No change is made to the Prospectus constituting Part I of the Registration Statement or Items 20 and 22 of Part II of the Registration Statement. Accordingly, such Prospectus and Items 20 and 22 of Part II have not been included herein.			

PART II

INFORMATION NOT REQUIRED IN PROSPECTUS

ITEM 21. EXHIBITS AND FINANCIAL STATEMENT SCHEDULES.

(a) Exhibits

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- 4.1 Amended and Restated Security Holders Agreement, dated as of February 3, 2006, among the Company and certain other parties thereto (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.1 to Current Report on Form 8-K of H&E Equipment Services, Inc. (File No. 000-51759), filed February 3, 2006).
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- 4.5 Indenture, dated August 20, 2012, by and among H&E Equipment Services, Inc., the guarantors party thereto and The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A, as Trustee, relating to the 7% Senior Notes due 2022 (incorporated by reference from Exhibit 4.1 to Current Report on Form 8-K of H&E Equipment Services, Inc. (File No. 000-51759), filed August 20, 2012).
- Registration Rights Agreement, dated August 20, 2012, by and among the Company, GNE Investments, Inc., Great Northern Equipment, Inc., H&E California Holding, Inc., H&E Equipment Services (California), LLC, H&E Equipment Services (Mid-Atlantic), Inc., H&E Finance Corp., Deutsche Bank Securities Inc., Credit Suisse Securities (USA) LLC and Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated (Registration Rights Agreement, dated August 20, 2012, by and among the Company, GNE Investments, Inc., Great Northern Equipment, Inc., H&E California Holding, Inc., H&E Equipment Services (California), LLC, H&E Equipment Services (Mid-Atlantic), Inc., H&E Finance Corp., Deutsche Bank Securities Inc., Credit Suisse Securities (USA) LLC and Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated (incorporated by reference from Exhibit 4.2 to Current Report on Form 8-K of H&E Equipment Services, Inc. (File No. 000-51759), filed August 20, 2012).

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- 5.1 Opinion of Dechert LLP.*
- 5.2 Opinion of Williams Mullen, P.C.*
- 5.3 Opinion of Garlington, Lohn & Robinson, PLLP.*
- 5.4 Opinion of Ryan, Swanson & Cleveland, PLLC. **
- Third Amended and Restated Credit Agreement, dated as of July 29, 2010, by and among H&E Equipment Services, Inc., Great Northern Equipment, Inc., GNE Investments, Inc., H&E Finance Corp., H&E Equipment Services (California), LLC, H&E California Holding, Inc., H&E Equipment Services (Mid-Atlantic), Inc., General Electric Capital Corporation, as Agent, Bank of America, N.A. as co-syndication agent, documentation agent, joint lead arranger and joint bookrunner and the lenders party thereto (incorporated by reference from Exhibit 10.1 to Current Report on Form 8-K of H&E Equipment Services, Inc. (File No. 000-51759), filed August 3, 2010).
- Amendment No. 1, dated February 29, 2012, to the Third Amended and Restated Credit Agreement by and among the Company, Great Northern Equipment, Inc., and H&E Equipment Services (California), LLC (collectively, the borrowers), General Electric Capital Corporation, as agent for the lenders, Bank of America, N.A., as co-syndication agent and documentation agent, and Wells Fargo Capital Finance, LLC, as co-syndication agent, and the lenders from time to time party thereto (incorporated by reference from Exhibit 10.1 to Current Report on Form 8-K of H&E Equipment Services, Inc. (File No. 000-51759), filed March 1, 2012).
- Amendment No. 2, dated August 9, 2012, to the Third Amended and Restated Credit Agreement by and among the Company, Great Northern Equipment, Inc., and H&E Equipment Services (California), LLC (collectively, the borrowers), General Electric Capital Corporation, as agent for the lenders, Bank of America, N.A., as co-syndication agent and documentation agent, and Wells Fargo Capital Finance, LLC, as co-syndication agent, and the lenders from time to time party thereto (incorporated by reference from Exhibit 10.1 to Current Report on Form 8-K of H&E Equipment Services, Inc. (File No. 000-51759), filed August 10, 2012).
- Amendment No. 3, dated August 17, 2012, to the Third Amended and Restated Credit Agreement by and among the Company, Great Northern Equipment, Inc., and H&E Equipment Services (California), LLC (collectively, the borrowers), General Electric Capital Corporation, as agent for the lenders, Bank of America, N.A., as co-syndication agent and documentation agent, and Wells Fargo Capital Finance, LLC, as co-syndication agent, and the lenders from time to time party thereto (incorporated by reference from Exhibit 10.1 to Current Report on Form 8-K of H&E Equipment Services, Inc. (File No. 000-51759), filed August 20, 2012).
- Amendment No. 4, dated January 29, 2013, to the Third Amended and Restated Credit Agreement by and among the Company, Great Northern Equipment, Inc., and H&E Equipment Services (California), LLC (collectively, the borrowers), General Electric Capital Corporation, as agent for the lenders, Bank of America, N.A., as co-syndication agent and documentation agent, Wells Fargo Capital Finance, LLC, as co-syndication agent, and the lenders from time to time party thereto (incorporated by reference from Exhibit 10.1 to Current Report on Form 8-K of H&E Equipment Services, Inc. (File No. 000-51759), filed January 30, 2013.
- Consulting and Noncompetition Agreement, dated as of June 29, 1999, between Head & Engquist Equipment, L.L.C. and Thomas R. Engquist (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.20 to Registration Statement on Form S-4 of H&E Equipment Services L.L.C. (File No. 333-99589), filed September 13, 2002).†

10.7	Purchase Agreement by and among H&E Equipment Services L.L.C., H&E Finance Corp., the guarantors party thereto and Credit Suisse First Boston Corporation, dated June 3, 2002 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.21 to Registration Statement on Form S-4 of H&E Equipment Services L.L.C. (File No. 333-99587), filed September 13, 2002).
10.8	Purchase Agreement, among H&E Equipment Services L.L.C., H&E Finance Corp., H&E Holdings L.L.C., the guarantors party thereto and Credit Suisse First Boston Corporation, Inc. dated June 17, 2002 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.21 to Registration Statement on Form S-4 of H&E Equipment Services L.L.C. (File No. 333-99589), filed September 13, 2002).
10.9	H&E Equipment Services, Inc. Amended and Restated 2006 Stock-Based Incentive Compensation Plan (incorporated by reference to Appendix B to the Definitive Proxy Statement of H&E Equipment Services, Inc. (File No. 000-51759), filed April 28, 2006).†
10.10	Amendment No. 1 to the H&E Equipment Services, Inc. Amended and Restated 2006 Stock-Based Incentive Compensation Plan (incorporated by reference from Exhibit 10.7 to Form 10-K of H&E Equipment Services, Inc (File No. 000-51759), filed March 3, 2011).†
10.11	Form of Option Letter (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.36 to Registration Statement on Form S-1 of H&E Equipment Services, Inc. (File No. 333-128996), filed January 20, 2006).†
10.12	Form of Restricted Stock Award Agreement for Officers of H&E Equipment Services, Inc. (incorporated by reference from Exhibit 10.1 to Form 10-Q of H&E Equipment Services, Inc. (File No. 000-51759), filed November 3, 2011).†
12.1	Computation of Ratio of Earnings to Fixed Charges.*
21.1	Subsidiaries of H&E Equipment Services, Inc.*
23.1	Consent of Dechert LLP (included in Exhibit 5.1).*
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- ** Filed herewith
- † Management contract or compensatory plan or arrangement

(b) Financial Statement Schedules:

No financial statement schedules are required pursuant to this item because of the absence of the conditions under which they are required or because the information required is set forth in the financial statements or the notes thereto.

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 Baton Rouge, State of Louisiana, on March 26, 2013.

H&E EQUIPMENT SERVICES, INC.

By: /s/ John M. Engquist

Name: John M. Engquist

Title: Chief Executive Officer and Director

<u>Signature</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Date</u>
/s/ JOHN M. ENGQUIST John M. Engquist	Chief Executive Officer and Director (Principal Executive Officer)	March 26, 2013
/s/ Leslie S. Magee Leslie S. Magee	Chief Financial Officer and Secretary (Principal Financial Officer and Principal Accounting Officer)	March 26, 2013
* Gary W. Bagley	Chairman of the Board of Directors	March 26, 2013
* Paul N. Arnold	Director	March 26, 2013
* Bruce C. Bruckmann	Director	March 26, 2013
* Patrick L. Edsell	Director	March 26, 2013

* Thomas J. Galligan III	 Direc	March 26, 2013
* Lawrence C. Karlson	 Direc	ctor March 26, 2013
* John T. Sawyer	 Direc	ctor March 26, 2013
*By: /S/ LESLIE S. MAGE Leslie S. Mage	Attorney in Fact	March 26, 2013

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GNE INVESTMENTS, INC.

By: /s/ John M. Engquist

Name: John M. Engquist

Title: President, Chief Executive Officer and Director

	Signature	<u>Title</u>	<u>Date</u>
	/S/ JOHN M. ENGQUIST John M. Engquist	President, Chief Executive Officer and Director (Principal Executive Officer)	March 26, 2013
	/s/ LESLIE S. MAGEE Leslie S. Magee	Chief Financial Officer, Secretary and Director (Principal Financial Officer and Principal Accounting Officer)	March 26, 2013
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*By:	/s/ Leslie S. Magee Leslie S. Magee	Attorney in Fact	March 26, 2013

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GREAT NORTHERN EQUIPMENT, INC.

By: /s/ John M. Engquist

Name: John M. Engquist

Title: President, Chief Executive Officer and Director

<u>!</u>	Signature	<u>Title</u>	<u>Date</u>
	M. ENGQUIST M. Engquist	President, Chief Executive Officer and Director (Principal Executive Officer)	March 26, 2013
	LIE S. MAGEE ie S. Magee	Chief Financial Officer, Secretary and Director (Principal Financial Officer and Principal Accounting Officer)	March 26, 2013
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H&E CALIFORNIA HOLDING, INC.

By: /s/ JOHN M. ENGQUIST

Name: John M. Engquist

Title: President, Chief Executive Officer and Director

Signature	<u>Title</u>	<u>Date</u>
/S/ JOHN M. ENGQUIST John M. Engquist	President, Chief Executive Officer and Director (Principal Executive Officer)	March 26, 2013
/s/ LESLIE S. MAGEE Leslie S. Magee	Chief Financial Officer, Secretary and Director (Principal Financial Officer and Principal Accounting Officer)	March 26, 2013
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H&E EQUIPMENT SERVICES (CALIFORNIA), LLC

By: /s/ JOHN M. ENGQUIST

Name: John M. Engquist

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Signature	<u>Title</u>	Date	
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H&E EQUIPMENT SERVICES (MID-ATLANTIC), INC.

By: /s/ JOHN M. ENGQUIST

Name: John M. Engquist

Title: President, Chief Executive Officer and Director

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	/s/ JOHN M. ENGQUIST John M. Engquist	President, Chief Executive Officer and Director (Principal Executive Officer)	March 26, 2013	
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H&E FINANCE CORP.

By: /s/ JOHN M. ENGQUIST

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3.18	Bylaws of H&E Equipment Services (Mid-Atlantic), Inc.*	
4.1	Amended and Restated Security Holders Agreement, dated as of February 3, 2006, among the Company and certain other parties thereto (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.1 to Current Report on Form 8-K of H&E Equipment Services, Inc. (File No. 000-51759), filed February 3, 2006).	
4.2	Amended and Restated Investor Rights Agreement, dated as of February 3, 2006, among the Company and certain other parties thereto (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.2 to Current Report on Form 8-K of H&E Equipment Services, Inc. (File No. 000-51759), filed February 3, 2006).	
4.3	Amended and Restated Registration Rights Agreement, dated as of February 3, 2006, among the Company and certain other parties thereto (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.3 to Current Report on Form 8-K of H&E Equipment Services, Inc. (File No. 000-51759), filed February 3, 2006).	
4.4	Form of H&E Equipment Services, Inc. common stock certificate (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.3 to Registration Statement on Form S-1 of H&E Equipment Services, Inc. (File No. 333-128996), filed January 5, 2006).	
4.5	Indenture, dated August 20, 2012, by and among H&E Equipment Services, Inc., the guarantors party thereto and The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A, as Trustee, relating to the 7% Senior Notes due 2022 (incorporated by reference from Exhibit 4.1 to Current Report on Form 8-K of H&E Equipment Services, Inc. (File No. 000-51759), filed August 20, 2012).	
4.6	Registration Rights Agreement, dated August 20, 2012, by and among the Company, GNE Investments, Inc., Great Northern Equipment, Inc., H&E California Holding, Inc., H&E Equipment Services (California), LLC, H&E Equipment Services (Mid-Atlantic), Inc., H&E Finance Corp., Deutsche Bank Securities Inc., Credit Suisse Securities (USA) LLC and Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated (Registration Rights Agreement, dated August 20, 2012, by and among the Company, GNE Investments, Inc., Great Northern Equipment, Inc., H&E California Holding, Inc., H&E Equipment Services (California), LLC, H&E Equipment Services (Mid-Atlantic), Inc., H&E Finance Corp., Deutsche Bank Securities Inc., Credit Suisse Securities (USA) LLC and Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated (incorporated by reference from Exhibit 4.2 to Current Report on Form 8-K of H&E Equipment Services, Inc. (File No. 000-51759), filed August 20, 2012).	

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4.7	Registration Rights Agreement, dated February 4, 2013, by and among the Company, GNE Investments, Inc., Great Northern Equipment, Inc., H&E California Holding, Inc., H&E Equipment Services (California), LLC, H&E Equipment Services (Mid-Atlantic), Inc., H&E Finance Corp. and Deutsche Bank Securities Inc. (incorporated by reference from Exhibit 4.1 to Current Report on Form 8-K of H&E Equipment Services, Inc. (File No. 000-51759), filed February 4, 2013).
5.1	Opinion of Dechert LLP.*
5.2	Opinion of Williams Mullen, P.C.*
5.3	Opinion of Garlington, Lohn & Robinson, PLLP.*
5.4	Opinion of Ryan, Swanson & Cleveland, PLLC. **
10.1	Third Amended and Restated Credit Agreement, dated as of July 29, 2010, by and among H&E Equipment Services, Inc., Great Northern Equipment, Inc., GNE Investments, Inc., H&E Finance Corp., H&E Equipment Services (California), LLC, H&E California Holding, Inc., H&E Equipment Services (Mid-Atlantic), Inc., General Electric Capital Corporation, as Agent, Bank of America, N.A. as co-syndication agent, documentation agent, joint lead arranger and joint bookrunner and the lenders party thereto (incorporated by reference from Exhibit 10.1 to Current Report on Form 8-K of H&E Equipment Services, Inc. (File No. 000-51759), filed August 3, 2010).
10.2	Amendment No. 1, dated February 29, 2012, to the Third Amended and Restated Credit Agreement by and among the Company, Great Northern Equipment, Inc., and H&E Equipment Services (California), LLC (collectively, the borrowers), General Electric Capital Corporation, as agent for the lenders, Bank of America, N.A., as co-syndication agent and documentation agent, and Wells Fargo Capital Finance, LLC, as co-syndication agent, and the lenders from time to time party thereto (incorporated by reference from Exhibit 10.1 to Current Report on Form 8-K of H&E Equipment Services, Inc. (File No. 000-51759), filed March 1, 2012).
10.3	Amendment No. 2, dated August 9, 2012, to the Third Amended and Restated Credit Agreement by and among the Company, Great Northern Equipment, Inc., and H&E Equipment Services (California), LLC (collectively, the borrowers), General Electric Capital Corporation, as agent for the lenders, Bank of America, N.A., as co-syndication agent and documentation agent, and Wells Fargo Capital Finance, LLC, as co-syndication agent, and the lenders from time to time party thereto (incorporated by reference from Exhibit 10.1 to Current Report on Form 8-K of H&E Equipment Services, Inc. (File No. 000-51759), filed August 10, 2012).
10.4	Amendment No. 3, dated August 17, 2012, to the Third Amended and Restated Credit Agreement by and among the Company, Great Northern Equipment, Inc., and H&E Equipment Services (California), LLC (collectively, the borrowers), General Electric Capital Corporation, as agent for the lenders, Bank of America, N.A., as co-syndication agent and documentation agent, and Wells Fargo Capital Finance, LLC, as co-syndication agent, and the lenders from time to time party thereto (incorporated by reference from Exhibit 10.1 to Current Report on Form 8-K of H&E Equipment Services, Inc. (File No. 000-51759), filed August 20, 2012).
10.5	Amendment No. 4, dated January 29, 2013, to the Third Amended and Restated Credit Agreement by and among the Company, Great Northern Equipment, Inc., and H&E Equipment Services (California), LLC (collectively, the borrowers), General Electric Capital Corporation, as agent for the lenders, Bank of America, N.A., as co-syndication agent and documentation agent, Wells Fargo Capital Finance, LLC, as co-syndication agent, and the lenders from time to time party thereto (incorporated by reference from Exhibit 10.1 to Current Report on Form 8-K of H&E Equipment Services, Inc. (File No. 000-51759), filed January 30, 2013.

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10.6	Consulting and Noncompetition Agreement, dated as of June 29, 1999, between Head & Engquist Equipment, L.L.C. and Thomas R. Engquist (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.20 to Registration Statement on Form S-4 of H&E Equipment Services L.L.C. (File No. 333-99589), filed September 13, 2002).†
10.7	Purchase Agreement by and among H&E Equipment Services L.L.C., H&E Finance Corp., the guarantors party thereto and Credit Suisse First Boston Corporation, dated June 3, 2002 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.21 to Registration Statement on Form S-4 of H&E Equipment Services L.L.C. (File No. 333-99587), filed September 13, 2002).
10.8	Purchase Agreement, among H&E Equipment Services L.L.C., H&E Finance Corp., H&E Holdings L.L.C., the guarantors party thereto and Credit Suisse First Boston Corporation, Inc. dated June 17, 2002 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.21 to Registration Statement on Form S-4 of H&E Equipment Services L.L.C. (File No. 333-99589), filed September 13, 2002).
10.9	H&E Equipment Services, Inc. Amended and Restated 2006 Stock-Based Incentive Compensation Plan (incorporated by reference to Appendix B to the Definitive Proxy Statement of H&E Equipment Services, Inc. (File No. 000-51759), filed April 28, 2006).†
10.10	Amendment No. 1 to the H&E Equipment Services, Inc. Amended and Restated 2006 Stock-Based Incentive Compensation Plan (incorporated by reference from Exhibit 10.7 to Form 10-K of H&E Equipment Services, Inc (File No. 000-51759), filed March 3, 2011).†
10.11	Form of Option Letter (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.36 to Registration Statement on Form S-1 of H&E Equipment Services, Inc. (File No. 333-128996), filed January 20, 2006).†
10.12	Form of Restricted Stock Award Agreement for Officers of H&E Equipment Services, Inc. (incorporated by reference from Exhibit 10.1 to Form 10-Q of H&E Equipment Services, Inc. (File No. 000-51759), filed November 3, 2011).†
12.1	Computation of Ratio of Earnings to Fixed Charges.*
21.1	Subsidiaries of H&E Equipment Services, Inc.*
23.1	Consent of Dechert LLP (included in Exhibit 5.1).*
23.2	Consent of Williams Mullen, P.C. (included in Exhibit 5.2).*
23.3	Consent of Garlington, Lohn & Robinson, PLLP (included in Exhibit 5.3).*
23.4	Consent of Ryan, Swanson & Cleveland, PLLC (included in Exhibit 5.4). **
23.5	Consent of BDO USA, LLP.*
24.1	Powers of Attorney.*
25.1	Statement of Eligibility of The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A.*
25.2	Statement of Eligibility of The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A.*
99.1	Form of Letter of Transmittal.*
99.2	Form of Notice of Guaranteed Delivery.*
99.3	Form of Letter to Holders.*
99.4	Form of Letter to Brokers, Dealers, Commercial Banks, Trust Companies and Other Nominees.*
99.5	Form of Letter to Clients.*
	Previously filed

- ** Filed herewith
- † Management contract or compensatory plan or arrangement



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March 26, 2013

H&E Equipment Services, Inc. 7500 Pecue Lane Baton Rouge, LA 70809

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We have acted as special counsel to GNE Investments, Inc., a Washington corporation ("GNE"), as a Guarantor, in connection with the registration under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act"), pursuant to a Registration Statement on Form S-4 (Registration No. 333-185334) filed by H&E Equipment Services, Inc. (the "Company") with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission") on December 7, 2012, as amended by Amendment No. 1 filed with the Commission on January 10, 2013, Amendment No. 2 filed with the Commission on March 15, 2013 and Amendment No. 3 filed with the Commission on the date hereof (the "Registration Statement"), of the proposed offer by the Company to exchange (the "Exchange Offer") up to \$630,000,000 aggregate principal amount of outstanding 7% Senior Notes due 2022 of the Company that were issued on August 20, 2012 and February 4, 2013 (collectively, the "Outstanding Notes"), and the guarantees (the "Outstanding Guarantees") of the Outstanding Notes by GNE, Great Northern Equipment, Inc., H&E Finance Corp., H&E Equipment Services (California), LLC, H&E California Holding, Inc., and H&E Equipment Services (Mid-Atlantic), Inc. (collectively, the "Guarantors"), for a like aggregate principal amount of new 7% Senior Notes due 2022 of the Company (the "Exchange Notes") and guarantees of the Exchange Notes by the Guarantors (the "Exchange Guarantees") on the terms set forth in the prospectus contained in the Registration Statement (the "Prospectus") and the letter of transmittal filed as an exhibit thereto. The Exchange Notes and Exchange Guarantees will be issued pursuant to an indenture, dated as of August 20, 2012 (the "Indenture") by and among the Company, the Guarantors and The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A., as trustee (the "Trustee"), which Indenture is filed as exhibit 4.5 to the Registration Statement. This opinion is expressed herein as to any matter pertaining to the contents of the Registration Statement or the Prospectus, other than as to the en

In rendering the opinions expressed below, we have examined originals, or copies certified or otherwise identified to our satisfaction, of such records, documents, agreements, certificates, corporate and other instruments, and examined such questions of law as we have deemed necessary or appropriate for the purposes of rendering this opinion letter, including the Registration Statement, the Indenture, the form of Exchange Note and the form of notation of Exchange Guarantee. As to the facts on which this opinion is based, we have relied upon certificates of public officials, certificates and written statements of officers and representatives of GNE.

Charter Member of TAGLaw, a worldwide network of law firms In our examination, we have assumed the genuineness of all signatures, the authenticity of all documents submitted to us as original documents, the conformity to original documents of all documents submitted to us as copies, the legal capacity of natural persons, and the legal power and authority of all persons signing on behalf of the parties to all documents (other than GNE). In addition, we have assumed that (i) each party (other than GNE) to the Indenture, the Outstanding Notes, the Outstanding Guarantees, the Exchange Notes and the Exchange Guarantees is duly organized, validly existing and in good standing under the laws of its jurisdiction of organization, (ii) each party (other than GNE) to the Indenture, the Outstanding Notes, the Outstanding Guarantees, the Exchange Notes and the Exchange Guarantees has the legal power and authority to enter into and perform its respective obligations thereunder, (iii) the Indenture, the Outstanding Notes and the Outstanding Guarantees have been, and the Exchange Notes and the Exchange Guarantees will have been, duly authorized, executed and delivered by the parties thereto (other than GNE) and constitute, and in the case of the Exchange Notes and the Exchange Guarantees, will constitute, legal, valid and binding obligations of such parties, enforceable against such parties in accordance with their respective terms, (iv) the Outstanding Notes have been, and the Exchange Notes will have been, duly authenticated and delivered by the Trustee in accordance with the terms of the Indenture, (v) the Exchange Notes will conform to the specimens thereof examined by us, (vi) the Indenture will have been qualified under the Trust Indenture Act of 1939, as amended, and (vii) the Registration Statement will have been declared effective by the Commission. We have also assumed that there will be no changes in applicable law between the date of this opinion and the date of issuance and delivery of the Exchange Notes and the Exchange Guarantees.

The opinions expressed herein are limited to the internal laws of the state of Washington and we express no opinion concerning the laws of any other jurisdiction.

On the basis of the foregoing and subject to the assumptions and qualifications set forth in this letter, we are of the opinion that:

1. GNE is validly existing and has the power to create the guarantee obligation set forth in the Exchange Guaranty. The Exchange Guaranty of GNE has been duly authorized by all necessary corporate action of GNE. When the Exchange Notes have been duly executed, authenticated, issued and delivered by or on behalf of the Company in the manner contemplated by the Prospectus against the due tender and delivery to the Trustee of Outstanding Notes in an aggregate principal amount equal to the aggregate principal amount of the Exchange Notes, the Exchange Guarantee of GNE will be the legally valid and binding obligation of GNE, enforceable against GNE in accordance with its terms.

Our opinions as expressed herein are subject to and qualified and limited by (i) applicable bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, moratorium, fraudulent transfer and similar laws now or hereafter in effect of or relating to or affecting creditors' rights generally, and (ii) general principles of equity (whether considered in a proceeding at law or in equity) and the discretion of the court or other body before which any proceeding therefor may be brought.

This opinion letter has been prepared for your use solely in connection with the Registration Statement. We assume no obligation to advise you of any changes in the foregoing subsequent to the effectiveness of the Registration Statement.

We hereby consent to the filing of this opinion as an exhibit to the Registration Statement and to the reference to this firm under the caption "Legal Matters" in the Prospectus. In giving such consent, we do not thereby admit that we are in the category of persons whose consent is required under Section 7 of the Securities Act or the rules and regulations of the Commission thereunder.

Subject to all of the qualifications, limitations, exceptions, restrictions and assumptions set forth herein, Dechert LLP may rely on this opinion letter as if it were an addressee hereof on this date for the sole purpose of rendering its opinion letter to the Company, as filed with the Commission as Exhibit 5.1 to the Registration Statement.

Very truly yours,

RYAN, SWANSON & CLEVELAND, PLLC