GENESEE & WYOMING INC Form S-8 May 13, 2015

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UNITED STATES

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

FORM S-8

REGISTRATION STATEMENT

UNDER

THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933

GENESEE & WYOMING INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware (State or Other Jurisdiction of

Incorporation or Organization)

06-0984624 (I.R.S. Employer

Identification Number)

20 West Avenue, Darien, Connecticut (Address of Principal Executive Offices) 06820 (Zip Code)

Genesee & Wyoming Inc.

Third Amended and Restated 2004 Omnibus Incentive Plan

(Full title of the plan)

Allison M. Fergus, Esq.

General Counsel and Secretary

20 West Avenue

Darien, Connecticut 06820

(Name and address of agent for service)

(203) 202-8900

(Telephone number, including area code, of agent for service)

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 x | | Accelerated filer | •• |
|---------------------------|---|---------------------------|----|
| Non-accelerated filer " | (Do not check if a smaller reporting company) | Smaller reporting company | •• |

CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE

| | | PROPOSED | PROPOSED | |
|------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------|
| TITLE OF SECURITIES | AMOUNT | MAXIMUM | MAXIMUM | |
| | TO BE | OFFERING PRICE | AGGREGATE | AMOUNT OF |
| TO BE | | | | |
| REGISTERED | REGISTERED(1) | PER SHARE(2) | OFFERING PRICE(2) | REGISTRATION FEE(2) |
| Class A Common | | | | |
| Stock, \$0.01 par | | | | |
| value per share | 1,250,000 | \$91.20 | \$114,000,000 | \$13,247 |

- (1) In addition to the shares of Class A Common Stock set forth in the table, pursuant to Rule 416(c) under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the Securities Act), the number of shares of Class A Common Stock registered includes an indeterminable number of shares of Class A Common Stock issuable under the Genesee & Wyoming Inc. Third Amended and Restated 2004 Omnibus Incentive Plan, as this amount may be adjusted as a result of stock splits, stock dividends and anti-dilution provisions set forth therein.
- (2) Pursuant to Rule 457(c) and Rule 457(h) under the Securities Act, the proposed maximum offering price per share, the proposed maximum aggregate offering price and the amount of registration fee have been computed on the basis of the average high and low prices per share of Class A Common Stock on the New York Stock Exchange on May 6, 2015.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This Registration Statement on Form S-8 is being filed for the purpose of registering an additional 1,250,000 shares of Class A common stock, \$0.01 par value per share (the Common Stock), of Genesee & Wyoming Inc. (the Company) available for the grant of awards under the Company s Third Amended and Restated 2004 Omnibus Incentive Plan (the Plan). These additional shares of Common Stock are additional securities of the same class as other securities for

which original registration statements (File Nos. 333-120558 (as amended) and 333-174573) on Form S-8 were filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the Commission) on November 16, 2004, June 1, 2007 (post-effective amendment) and May 27, 2011, respectively.

Pursuant to General Instruction E to Form S-8, the contents of such earlier registration statements are incorporated by reference into this Registration Statement, except that the provisions contained in Part II of such earlier registration statements are modified as set forth in this Registration Statement.

PART II

INFORMATION REQUIRED IN THE REGISTRATION STATEMENT

Item 3. Incorporation of Documents by Reference.

The following documents of the Company previously filed with the Commission are incorporated herein by reference:

- (a) the Company s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2014;
- (b) the Company s Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 31, 2015;
- (c) the Company s Current Reports on Form 8-K filed with the Commission on February 25, 2015 (except for Item 7.01), March 25, 2015 (except for Item 7.01), March 31, 2015 and May 13, 2015; and
- (d) the description of the Common Stock contained in the Company s registration statement on Form 8-A (File No. 001-31456) filed with the Commission on September 23, 2002, including any amendments or supplements thereto, as updated by the description of the Common Stock under Description of Our Capital Stock Class A Common Stock and Class B Common Stock contained in the Company s Registration Statement on Form S-3ASR (File No. 333-183862), filed with the Commission on September 12, 2012.
 All documents filed by the Company pursuant to Sections 13(a), 13(c), 14 and 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 after the date of this Registration Statement and prior to the filing of a post-effective amendment to this Registration Statement which indicates that all securities offered have been sold or which deregisters all securities then remaining unsold shall be deemed to be incorporated by reference in this Registration Statement and to be a part hereof from the date of filing of such documents.

Any statement contained in a document incorporated or deemed to be incorporated by reference herein shall be deemed to be modified or superseded for purposes of this Registration Statement to the extent that a statement contained herein or in any other subsequently filed document which also is or is deemed to be incorporated by reference herein modifies or supersedes such statement. Any such statement so modified or superseded shall not be

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deemed, except as so modified or superseded, to constitute a part of this Registration Statement.

Item 8. Exhibits.

For a list of exhibits, see the Exhibit Index in this Registration Statement, which is incorporated into this Item 8 by reference.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, the Company certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form S-8 and has duly caused this Registration Statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the Town of Darien, State of Connecticut, on May 13, 2015.

GENESEE & WYOMING INC.

By:/s/ John C. HellmannName:John C. HellmannTitle:President and Chief Executive Officer

POWER OF ATTORNEY

Each individual whose signature appears below constitutes and appoints each of John C. Hellmann and Timothy J. Gallagher such person s true and lawful attorney-in-fact and agent with full power of substitution and resubstitution, for such person and in such person s name, place and stead, in any and all capacities, to sign any and all amendments (including post-effective amendments) to this Registration Statement, and to file the same, with all exhibits thereto, and all documents in connection therewith, with the Securities and Exchange Commission, granting unto each said attorney-in-fact and agent full power and authority to do and perform fully to all intents and purposes as such person might or could do in person, hereby ratifying and confirming all that any said attorney-in-fact and agent, or any substitute or substitutes of any of them, may lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue hereof.

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

| Date | Title | Signature |
|--------------|----------------------------|--|
| May 13, 2015 | President, Chief Executive | /s/ John C. Hellmann |
| | Officer and Director | John C. Hellmann |
| May 13, 2015 | Chief Financial Officer | /s/ Timothy J. Gallagher Timothy J. Gallagher |
| May 13, 2015 | Chief Accounting Officer | /s/ Christopher F. Liucci |
| | and Global Controller | Christopher F. Liucci |
| May 13, 2015 | Chairman of the Board | /s/ Mortimer B. Fuller Mortimer B. Fuller |

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| May 13, 2015 | Director | /s/ Richard H. Allert Richard H. Allert |
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| May 13, 2015 | Director | /s/ Richard H. Bott Richard H. Bott |
| May 13, 2015 | Director | /s/ Øivind Lorentzen III Øivind Lorentzen III |
| May 13, 2015 | Director | /s/ Robert M. Melzer Robert M. Melzer |
| May 13, 2015 | Director | /s/ Michael Norkus Michael Norkus |
| May 13, 2015 | Director | /s/ Ann N. Reese Ann N. Reese |
| May 13, 2015 | Director | /s/ Philip J. Ringo Philip J. Ringo |
| May 13, 2015 | Director | /s/ Mark A. Scudder Mark A. Scudder |
| May 13, 2015 | Director | /s/ Hunter C. Smith Hunter C. Smith |

EXHIBIT INDEX

| Exhibit | |
|---------|---|
| No. | Description |
| 4.1 | Restated Certificate of Incorporation is incorporated herein by reference to Annex II to the Company s Definitive Proxy Statement on Schedule 14A filed on April 15, 2011 (File No. 001-31456). |
| 4.2 | Amended By-laws, effective as of August 19, 2004, is incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 2.1 to the Company s Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q filed on November 9, 2004 (File No. 001-31456). |
| 4.3 | Specimen stock certificate representing shares of Class A Common Stock is incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 4.1 to Amendment No. 2 to the Company s Registration Statement on Form S-1 (Registration No. 333-03972) filed on June 12, 1996. |
| 4.4 | Third Amended and Restated 2004 Omnibus Incentive Plan is incorporated herein by reference to Annex I to the Company s Definitive Proxy Statement on Schedule 14A filed on March 30, 2015. |
| 5.1* | Opinion of Simpson Thacher & Bartlett LLP |
| 23.1* | Consent of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP |
| 23.2* | Consent of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP |
| 24.1* | Power of Attorney (included on the signature page to this Registration Statement). |
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* Filed herewith