

SM Energy Co
Form 8-K
October 30, 2012

UNITED STATES
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 (Date of earliest event reported):

October 30, 2012 (October 30, 2012)

SM Energy Company

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation)

001-31539

(Commission
File Number)

41-0518430

(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

1775 Sherman Street, Suite 1200, Denver, Colorado

(Address of principal executive offices)

80203

(Zip Code)

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Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(303) 861-8140**

Not applicable

(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 (17 CFR 230.425)
 - Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
 - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
 - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure.

In accordance with General Instruction B.2. of Form 8-K, the following information, including Exhibit 99.1, shall not be deemed filed for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the *Exchange Act*), or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section, nor shall such information and Exhibit be deemed incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the *Securities Act*), or the Exchange Act, except as shall be expressly set forth by specific reference in such a filing.

On October 30, 2012, SM Energy Company (the *Company*) issued a press release announcing that the Company closed its offer to exchange up to \$400 million aggregate principal amount of its 6½% Senior Notes due 2023, which have been registered under the Securities Act, for an equal aggregate principal amount of its outstanding 6½% Senior Notes due 2023, which were issued on June 29, 2012, in a private placement. A copy of the press release is furnished as Exhibit 99.1 to this report and incorporated by reference herein.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

- (d) Exhibits. The following exhibit is furnished as part of this report:
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| Exhibit 99.1 | Press release of the Company dated October 30, 2012, entitled SM Energy Announces Closing of Exchange Offer for \$400 Million of its 6½% Senior Notes due 2023 |
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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 hereunto duly authorized.

SM ENERGY COMPANY

Date: October 30, 2012

By:

/s/ David W. Copeland
David W. Copeland
Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Corporate
Secretary

EXHIBIT INDEX

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