

SM Energy Co  
Form 8-K  
December 22, 2010

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)  
December 22, 2010 (December 21, 2010)

SM Energy Company  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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| Delaware<br>(State or other<br>jurisdiction<br>of incorporation) | 001-31539<br>(Commission<br>File Number) | 41-0518430<br>(I.R.S. Employer<br>Identification No.) |
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| 1775 Sherman Street, Suite<br>1200, Denver, Colorado<br>(Address of principal executive<br>offices) | 80203<br>(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 (see General Instruction A.2.):

- 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))



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, nor shall such information and Exhibit be deemed incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, except as shall be expressly set forth by specific reference in such a filing.

On December 21, 2010, SM Energy Company (the “Company”) issued a press release announcing the Company’s 2011 capital budget and production forecast. A copy of this press release is furnished as Exhibit 99.1 to this report.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits. The following exhibit is furnished as part of this report:

| Exhibit | Description  |
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| 99.1    | Press release of the Company dated December 21, 2010, entitled SM Energy Announces 2011 Capital Budget |

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: December 22, 2010

By: /s/ KELLY E. COLLINS  
Kelly E. Collins  
Senior Manager - Financial Reporting &  
Assistant Corporate Secretary