NORTHERN OIL & GAS, INC. Form 8-K October 02, 2015

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): September 30, 2015

NORTHERN OIL AND GAS, INC.

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

Minnesota 001-33999 95-3848122
(State or other jurisdiction (Commission File Number) (IRS Employer of incorporation) Identification No.)

315 Manitoba Avenue – Suite 200
Wayzata, Minnesota 55391
(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code (952) 476-9800

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Item Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers;
 5.02. Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.

On September 30, 2015, the Company terminated the employment of its Executive Vice President of Land, Darrell Finneman. Mr. Finneman led the Company's regional office in Denver, Colorado, and the decision to terminate his employment was made as part of a cost reduction effort by the Company that includes the closing of the Denver office.

Mr. Finneman is expected to receive certain severance pay and benefits under his employment agreement with the Company, because the termination of his employment is "not for cause" under that agreement. In addition, the Company accelerated the vesting by one day on 10,000 shares of restricted stock held by Mr. Finneman that were previously scheduled to vest on October 1, 2015.

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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.

Date: October 2, 2015 NORTHERN OIL AND GAS, INC.

By /s/ Erik J. Romslo Erik J. Romslo Executive Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary