

SM Energy Co
Form 8-K
April 03, 2014

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)

April 3, 2014 (April 2, 2014)

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
(I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)

1775 Sherman Street, Suite 1200, Denver, Colorado

80203

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

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

Not applicable

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(Former name or former address, if changed since last report.)

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 - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.

On April 2, 2014, SM Energy Company (the *Company*) announced that Anthony J. Best has elected to retire from his role as the Company's Chief Executive Officer within the next twelve months. Mr. Best has served as the Company's Chief Executive Officer since December 2006 and a member of its Board of Directors since February 2007. He joined the Company in June 2006 as its President and Chief Operating Officer.

A copy of the press release announcing the events described above is attached as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated in this report by reference.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

- (d) Exhibits. The following exhibit is furnished as part of this report:
- Exhibit 99.1 Press release of the Company dated April 2, 2014, entitled, SM Energy Announces Leadership Transition

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: April 2, 2014

By:

/s/ DAVID W. COPELAND
David W. Copeland
Executive Vice President, General Counsel and
Corporate Secretary