

SM Energy Co  
Form 8-K  
October 15, 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)  
October 15, 2010 (October 15, 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, 80203  
Suite 1200, Denver, (Zip Code)  
Colorado  
(Address of principal  
executive offices)

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 October 15, 2010, SM Energy Company (the “Company”) issued a press release announcing that the Company’s Board of Directors declared a semi-annual cash dividend of \$0.05 per share of common stock. The dividend will be paid November 8, 2010, to stockholders of record as of the close of business October 29, 2010. 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:

Exhibit 99.1 Press release of the Company dated October 15, 2010, entitled SM Energy Board Declares Semi-Annual Cash Dividend

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 15, 2010

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