

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 6, 2010 (December 6, 2010)

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
(Address of principal executive offices)

80203
(Zip Code)

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 6, 2010, SM Energy Company (the "Company") issued a press release announcing that the Company's Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer, Javan D. ("Jay") Ottoson, will present at the Wells Fargo Pipeline, MLP, and Energy Symposium on Wednesday, December 8, 2010, at 8:00 am Eastern time. A copy of this press release is furnished as Exhibit 99.1 to this report.

Item 8.01 Other Events.

On December 6, 2010, the Company issued a press release announcing that David W. Copeland will be joining the Company as Senior Vice President and General Counsel in January 2011. A copy of this press release is filed as Exhibit 99.2 to this report.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

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| (d) | Exhibits. | The following exhibits are filed or furnished as part of this report: |
| | Exhibit 99.1* | Press release of the Company dated December 6, 2010, entitled SM Energy to Present at Upcoming Investor Event |
| | Exhibit 99.2** | Press release of the Company dated December 6, 2010, entitled SM Energy Announces Appointment of General Counsel |

* Furnished with this Current Report on Form 8-K.

** Filed with this Current Report on Form 8-K.

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 6, 2010

By: /s/ C. MARK BRANNUM
C. Mark Brannum
Senior Legal Counsel & Secretary

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

SM ENERGY TO PRESENT AT UPCOMING INVESTOR EVENT

DENVER, December 6, 2010 – SM Energy Company (NYSE: SM) today announces that Jay Ottoson, Executive Vice President and COO, will be presenting at the Wells Fargo Pipeline, MLP, and Energy Symposium on Wednesday, December 8, 2010 at 8:00 am Eastern time. A webcast of the presentation will be available on the Company's website at sm-energy.com. The Company's presentation slides will also be available on its website prior to the presentation.

ABOUT THE COMPANY

SM Energy Company, formerly named St. Mary Land & Exploration Company, is an independent energy company engaged in the exploration, exploitation, development, acquisition, and production of natural gas and crude oil. SM Energy routinely posts important information about the Company on its website. For more information about SM Energy, please visit its website at sm-energy.com.

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

SM ENERGY ANNOUNCES APPOINTMENT OF GENERAL COUNSEL

DENVER, December 6, 2010 – SM Energy Company (NYSE: SM) today announces that David W. Copeland will be joining the Company as Senior Vice President and General Counsel in January 2011. SM Energy previously announced that Milam Randolph Pharo, the Company's current Senior Vice President and General Counsel, is retiring from the Company at the end of 2010.

Tony Best, President and CEO, commented, "I am pleased to have an executive of David's ability joining SM Energy. His leadership abilities, transactional experience, and deep legal and industry knowledge make him a great fit for our organization. He is a proven talent who will contribute to the continued success and growth of the company."

Mr. Copeland has over 28 years of experience in the legal profession. He is retiring from Concho Resources Inc., in Midland, Texas, where he served as Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary from 2004 through 2009, and is serving as Senior Counsel through December 31, 2010, while transitioning with Concho's new General Counsel. Mr. Copeland was one of the founders of Concho and its predecessor companies, where he also served as Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary from 1997 through 2004. Prior to that, Mr. Copeland spent six years in positions of increasing responsibility in the Legal Department of Parker & Parsley Petroleum Company (now Pioneer Natural Resources Company). He received his Doctor of Jurisprudence from the Texas Tech University School of Law in 1982. He and his family will be relocating from Midland to Denver and he is expected to join the Company in January 2011.

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