## 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) January 10, 2011 (January 10, 2011)

## **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)

[ ] Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

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))

## 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 January 10, 2011, SM Energy Company (the "Company") issued a press release announcing that it has scheduled a teleconference call to discuss fourth quarter and full year 2010 earnings results on February 25, 2011, at 8:00 am Mountain time (10:00 am Eastern time). The teleconference call is publicly accessible, and the press release includes instructions as to when and how to access the teleconference and the location on the Company's website where the teleconference information will be available. A copy of the 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:

<u>Exhibit</u> <u>Description</u>

Exhibit 99.1 Press release of the Company dated January 10, 2011, entitled SM Energy Schedules Fourth Quarter

and Full Year 2010 Earnings Conference Call

## 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: January 10, 2010 By:/s/ KELLY E. COLLINS

Kelly E. Collins Sr. Manager- Financial Reporting & Assistant Corporate Secretary

## Exhibit 99.1

For Information Brent A. Collins 303-861-8140

## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

# SM ENERGY SCHEDULES FOURTH QUARTER AND FULL YEAR 2010 EARNINGS CONFERENCE CALL

**DENVER, January 10, 2011** – SM Energy Company (NYSE: SM) is scheduled to release earnings for the fourth quarter and full year of 2010 after the close of trading on the NYSE on February 24, 2011. The teleconference to discuss these results and other operational matters is scheduled for February 25, 2011 at 8:00 a.m. Mountain time (10:00 a.m. Eastern time). The call participation number is 800-260-8140 and the participant passcode is 21918282. An audio replay of the call will be available approximately two hours after the call at 888-286-8010, with the passcode 43039171. International participants can dial 617-614-3672 to take part in the conference call, using passcode 21918282 and can access a replay of the call at 617-801-6888, using passcode 43039171. Replays can be accessed through March 11, 2011.

This call is being webcast live and can be accessed at SM Energy Company's web site at sm-energy.com. An audio recording of the conference call will be available at that site through March 11, 2011.

## 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.