

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)  
August 5, 2011 (August 2, 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)

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 2.01 Completion of Acquisition or Disposition of Assets.**

As previously disclosed, on June 9, 2011, SM Energy Company (the “Company”) entered into a definitive purchase and sale agreement with Statoil Texas Onshore Properties LLC and Talisman Energy USA Inc. to sell the Company’s oil and gas assets in the Eagle Ford shale in LaSalle County, Texas along with a small adjacent block of acreage in Dimmitt County, Texas (the “Statoil/Talisman Divestiture”). On August 2, 2011, the Company closed the Statoil/Talisman Divestiture for aggregate consideration of approximately \$227.4 million, paid in cash. The aggregate consideration is subject to post-closing adjustments.

**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 August 2, 2011, the Company issued a press release announcing that the Company had closed the Statoil/Talisman Divestiture. A copy of the press release is furnished as Exhibit 99.1 to this report.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

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| (d) Exhibits.<br>Exhibit 99.1 | The following exhibit is furnished as part of this report:<br>Press release of the Company dated August 2, 2011, entitled SM Energy Announces Closing of Previously Announced Eagle Ford Divestiture |
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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: August 5, 2011

SM ENERGY COMPANY

By: /s/ KELLY E. COLLINS

Kelly E. Collins

Director of Financial Reporting & Assistant Corporate Secretary

**For Information**  
Brent A. Collins  
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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**SM ENERGY ANNOUNCES CLOSING OF PREVIOUSLY ANNOUNCED  
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**DENVER, CO August 2, 2011** – SM Energy Company (NYSE: SM) today announces its closing of the previously announced divestiture of its Eagle Ford assets in LaSalle and Dimmit Counties, Texas. Closing proceeds for the divestiture were approximately \$227.4 million, to be adjusted for marketing costs and post-closing adjustments.

**ABOUT THE COMPANY**

SM Energy Company is an independent energy company engaged in the exploration, exploitation, development, acquisition, and production of natural gas, natural gas liquids, 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 [www.sm-energy.com](http://www.sm-energy.com).