

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 3, 2011 (October 3, 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.)
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1775 Sherman Street, Suite 1200, Denver, Colorado (Address of principal executive offices)	80203 (Zip Code)
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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 3, 2011, SM Energy Company (the "Company") announced the Company's participation in upcoming investor events. The Company's Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer, Jay Ottoson, will present at the Johnson Rice Energy Conference on Tuesday, October 4, 2011 at 1:30 pm Central time and the Company's President and Chief Executive Officer, Tony Best, will present at the Bank of America Merrill Lynch 2011 Global Energy Conference on Wednesday, November 16, 2011 at 9:45 am Eastern time.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(d) Exhibits.  
Exhibit 99.1

The following exhibit is furnished as part of this report:  
Press release of the Company dated October 3, 2011, entitled SM Energy Announces Participation in Upcoming Investor Conferences

**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 3, 2011

By: /s/ David W. Copeland  
David W. Copeland  
Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Corporate  
Secretary

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**SM ENERGY ANNOUNCES PARTICIPATION  
IN UPCOMING INVESTOR CONFERENCES**

**DENVER, CO October 3, 2011** – SM Energy Company (NYSE: SM) today announces that the Company will be participating in the following upcoming investor events:

- October 4, 2011 – Johnson Rice Energy Conference. Jay Ottoson, Executive Vice President and COO, will present at 1:30 PM Central Time.
- November 16, 2011 – Bank of America Merrill Lynch 2011 Global Energy Conference. Tony Best, President and CEO, will present at 9:45 AM Eastern Time.

SM Energy's presentation materials for these respective events will be available the day of the event at the Company's website at [www.sm-energy.com](http://www.sm-energy.com). Links to webcasts of the Company's presentations will also be available on the Company's website for 15 days after the date of each presentation.

**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).