

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)  
April 12, 2012 (April 11, 2012)

**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))
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**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 April 11, 2012, SM Energy Company (the "Company") issued a press release announcing the Company's participation in an upcoming investor event. 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.**

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| (d) Exhibits. | The following exhibit is furnished as part of this report:                                                                    |
| Exhibit 99.1  | Press release of the Company dated April 11, 2012, entitled SM Energy Announces Participation in Upcoming Investor Conference |
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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.

SM ENERGY COMPANY

Date: April 12, 2012

By: /s/ KELLY E. COLLINS

Kelly E. Collins

Director of Financial Reporting & Assistant Corporate Secretary

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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

**DENVER, CO April 11, 2012**- SM Energy Company (NYSE: SM) today announces that the Company will be participating in the following upcoming investor event:

- April 17, 2012 - IPAA New York Oil and Gas Investor Symposium. Tony Best, President and CEO, will present at 3:20 PM Eastern Time.

SM Energy's presentation materials for this event will be available the day of the presentation at the Company's website at [www.sm-energy.com](http://www.sm-energy.com). A link to the webcast of the Company's presentation will also be available on the Company's website for 15 days after the date of the presentation.

**ABOUT THE COMPANY**

SM Energy Company is an independent energy company engaged in the acquisition, exploration, development, and production of crude oil, natural gas, and natural gas liquids in onshore North America. 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).