

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 15, 2012 (October 12, 2012)

**SM Energy Company**  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware	001-31539	41-0518430
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)	(Commission File Number)	(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

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))
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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 Exhibits 99.1 and 99.2, shall not be deemed filed for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, nor shall such information and Exhibits 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 12, 2012, the Company issued a press release announcing that the Company has scheduled a teleconference on November 1, 2012, to discuss its earnings for the third quarter of 2012 and certain other operational matters. A copy of the press release is furnished as Exhibit 99.1 to this report and is incorporated by reference herein.

On October 15, 2012, the Company issued a press release announcing that the Company's Board of Directors approved a semi-annual cash dividend of \$0.05 per share of common stock outstanding. The dividend will be paid on November 7, 2012, to stockholders of record as of the close of business on October 26, 2012. A copy of the press release is furnished as Exhibit 99.2 to this report and is incorporated by reference herein.

#### **Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

##### **(d) Exhibits.**

Exhibit 99.1

The following exhibits are furnished as part of this report:

Press release of SM Energy Company dated October 12, 2012, entitled "SM Energy Schedules Third Quarter 2012 Earnings Conference Call"

Exhibit 99.2

Press release of the Company dated October 15, 2012, entitled "SM Energy Declares Semi-Annual Cash Dividend"

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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: October 15, 2012

By: /s/ KELLY E. COLLINS

Kelly E. Collins

Director of Financial Reporting & Assistant Corporate  
Secretary

**EXHIBIT 99.1**

**For Information**

James R. Edwards  
303-837-2444

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**SM ENERGY SCHEDULES THIRD QUARTER  
2012 EARNINGS CONFERENCE CALL**

**DENVER, CO - October 12, 2012-** SM Energy Company (NYSE: SM) is scheduled to release details regarding its earnings for the third quarter of 2012 after the close of trading on October 31, 2012. A teleconference to discuss these results and other operational matters is scheduled for November 1, 2012, at 8:00 a.m. Mountain time (10:00 a.m. Eastern time). The call participation number is 877-445-0811 and the conference ID number is 42308521. An audio replay of the call will be available approximately two hours after the call at 855-859-2056, with the conference ID number 42308521. International participants can dial 617-401-8115 to take part in the conference call, using the conference ID number 42308521, and can access a replay of the call at 404-537-3406, using conference ID number 42308521. Replays can be accessed through November 15, 2012.

This call is being webcast live and can be accessed at SM Energy Company's website at [www.sm-energy.com](http://www.sm-energy.com). An audio recording of the conference call will be available at that site through November 15, 2012.

**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).

**EXHIBIT 99.2**

**For Information**

James R. Edwards  
303-837-2444

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**SM ENERGY DECLARES SEMI-ANNUAL CASH DIVIDEND**

**DENVER, CO- October 15, 2012** SM Energy Company (NYSE: SM) announces that its Board of Directors has approved a semi-annual cash dividend of \$0.05 per share of common stock outstanding. The dividend will be paid on November 7, 2012, to stockholders of record as of the close of business on October 26, 2012. The Company currently has approximately 66.1 million shares of common stock outstanding.

The Company has paid cash dividends to its stockholders every year since 1940. The Board of Directors plans to continue making semi-annual dividend payments at the rate of \$0.05 per share for the foreseeable future, subject in its sole discretion to future earnings, capital requirements, financial condition, contractual obligations, and other factors.

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