

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)

December 6, 2012 (December 5, 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)

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.):

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 - 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, as amended (the “*Exchange Act*”), or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section, nor shall such information and Exhibit be deemed incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Exchange Act, except as shall be expressly set forth by specific reference in such a filing.

On December 5, 2012, SM Energy Company (the “*Company*”) issued a press release announcing the appointment of Mary Ellen Lutey as Vice President and Regional Manager of the Company's Mid-Continent region. 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.

(d) Exhibits.

Exhibit 99.1

The following exhibit is furnished as part of this report:

Press release of the Company dated December 5, 2012, entitled “SM Energy Appoints Mary Ellen Lutey Vice President”

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: December 6, 2012

By: /s/ KELLY E. COLLINS

Kelly E. Collins

Director of Financial Reporting and Assistant Corporate
Secretary

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

SM ENERGY APPOINTS MARY ELLEN LUTEY VICE PRESIDENT

DENVER, CO December 5, 2012- SM Energy Company (NYSE: SM) announces that its Board of Directors has appointed Mary Ellen Lutey Vice President and Regional Manager, with responsibility for SM Energy's Mid-Continent region. Ms. Lutey will be relocating to the regional headquarters in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Ms. Lutey is a 1994 graduate of Montana Tech University with BS degrees in Petroleum Engineering and Engineering Science. She started her career with Burlington Resources as a production and reservoir engineer and worked in technical and managerial positions of increasing responsibility with Burlington Resources, ConocoPhillips Canada and Chesapeake Energy Corporation before joining SM Energy in 2008. Her latest assignment with SM Energy was as its North Rockies Asset Manager, where she managed the Company's activities in its active Bakken/Three Forks program.

Tony Best, CEO of SM Energy, said, "We recently lost an outstanding leader and a valued member of our management team with the untimely passing of our friend and colleague, Paul Veatch. We will certainly miss his leadership and many talents at our company. We are fortunate to have a person of Mary Ellen's caliber within our organization to fill Paul's former position, and we are looking forward to her success in this new role. Mary Ellen's promotion is well deserved and a direct result of the efforts we have made over the past few years to develop internal succession candidates for key management positions."

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.