

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)  
January 17, 2013 (January 16, 2013)

**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)

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)
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  - 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, 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 January 16, 2013, SM Energy Company (the “*Company*”) issued a press release announcing that the Company has scheduled a teleconference on February 21, 2013, to discuss its earnings for the fourth quarter of 2012, its 2012 proved reserves, 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.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(d) Exhibits.	The following exhibit is furnished as part of this report:
Exhibit 99.1	Press release of SM Energy Company dated January 16, 2013, entitled “SM Energy Schedules Fourth Quarter and Full Year 2012 Earnings Conference Call”

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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: January 17, 2013

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 FOURTH QUARTER AND FULL YEAR  
2012 EARNINGS CONFERENCE CALL**

**DENVER, CO - January 16, 2013-** SM Energy Company (NYSE: SM) is scheduled to release details regarding its earnings for the fourth quarter and full year 2012 along with year-end 2012 proved reserves after the close of trading on February 20, 2013. A teleconference to discuss these results and other operational matters is scheduled for February 21, 2013, 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 89664242. An audio replay of the call will be available approximately two hours after the call at 855-859-2056, with the conference ID number 89664242. International participants can dial 617-401-8115 to take part in the conference call, using the conference ID number 89664242, and can access a replay of the call at 404-537-3406, using conference ID number 89664242. Replays can be accessed through March 7, 2013.

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 March 7, 2013.

**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).