

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 5, 2013 (April 4, 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.)

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 (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 or the Exchange Act, except as shall be expressly set forth by specific reference in such a filing.

On April 4, 2013, SM Energy Company (the "*Company*") issued a press release announcing the appointment of David W. Copeland as its Executive Vice President and John Monark as its Senior Vice President - Human Resources. 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 April 4, 2013, entitled "SM Energy Appoints David W. Copeland Executive Vice President and John Monark Senior 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: April 5, 2013

By: /s/ DAVID W. COPELAND

David W. Copeland

Executive Vice President, General Counsel and Corporate Secretary

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

**SM ENERGY APPOINTS DAVID W. COPELAND EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT AND
JOHN MONARK SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT**

DENVER, CO April 4, 2013 - SM Energy Company (NYSE: SM) announces that its Board of Directors has appointed David W. Copeland, who has been with the Company since January 2011, as its Executive Vice President and John Monark, who has been with the Company since May 2008, as its Senior Vice President - Human Resources. Mr. Copeland will continue to serve as the Company's General Counsel and Corporate Secretary.

Tony Best, CEO of SM Energy, said, "David and John have both made many important contributions to our success at SM Energy as members of our senior executive team, and each of their promotions are well deserved. I look forward to our continued working relationships as we proceed with our plans for growth and future success."

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.