

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)  
February 21, 2014 (February 17, 2014)

**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.):

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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 5.02 Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.**

The following sets forth a summary of the base salaries for 2014 for SM Energy Company's (the "*Company*") Chief Executive Officer, Chief Financial Officer, and the other named executive officers of the Company for whom compensation disclosure was required in the Company's most recent proxy statement filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on April 11, 2013. On February 17, 2014, the Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors of the Company approved the following 2014 base salaries:

<u>Name and Principal Position</u>	<u>2014 Base Salary</u>
Anthony J. Best Chief Executive Officer	\$836,000
Javan D. Ottoson President and Chief Operating Officer	\$505,000
A. Wade Pursell Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer	\$438,000
David W. Copeland Executive Vice President, General Counsel and Corporate Secretary	\$393,000
Herbert S. Vogel Senior Vice President - Portfolio Development and Technical Services	\$370,000

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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: February 21, 2014

By: /s/ DAVID W. COPELAND

David W. Copeland

Executive Vice President, General Counsel and  
Corporate Secretary