

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 9, 2020

**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)
- 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))

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

Title of each class	Trading symbol(s)	Name of each exchange on which registered
<b>Common stock, \$0.01 par value</b>	<b>SM</b>	<b>New York Stock Exchange</b>

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2 of this chapter).

Emerging growth company

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

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**Item 7.01 Regulation FD  
Disclosure.**

In accordance with General Instruction B.2. of Form 8-K, the following information 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 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 April 9, 2020, SM Energy Company (the "**Company**") issued a press release announcing that the Company's Board of Directors approved a semi-annual cash dividend of \$0.01 per share of common stock outstanding. The dividend will be paid on May 8, 2020, to stockholders of record as of the close of business on April 24, 2020. 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.**

<b><u>Exhibit Number</u></b>	<b><u>Description</u></b>
<a href="#">99.1</a>	<a href="#">Press release of SM Energy Company dated April 9, 2020, entitled "SM Energy Declares Semi-Annual Cash Dividend"</a>
104	Cover Page Interactive Data File (formatted as Inline XBRL and included as Exhibit 101)

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**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Exchange Act, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

SM ENERGY COMPANY

Date: April 9, 2020

By: /s/ PATRICK A. LYTLE

Patrick A. Lytle

Controller and Assistant Secretary (Principal Accounting Officer)

## SM ENERGY DECLARES SEMI-ANNUAL CASH DIVIDEND

**DENVER, CO April 9, 2020** - SM Energy Company (NYSE: SM) today announces that its Board of Directors has approved a semi-annual cash dividend of \$0.01 per share of common stock outstanding. The dividend reflects a reduction for the current period consistent with the Company's priority to manage cash flow in light of the unprecedented and volatile market conditions. The dividend will be paid on May 8, 2020, to stockholders of record as of the close of business on April 24, 2020. The Company currently has approximately 113.0 million shares of common stock outstanding.

### 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 NGLs in the state of Texas. 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).

### SM ENERGY INVESTOR CONTACT

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