SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE TO

(Amendment No. 2)

TENDER OFFER STATEMENT UNDER SECTION 14(d)(1) OR 13(e)(1) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

SM ENERGY COMPANY

(Name of Subject Company (Issuer))

SM ENERGY COMPANY

(Name of Filing Person (Issuer))

3.50% Senior Convertible Notes due 2027 (Title of Class of Securities)

792228AE8 792228AD0 (CUSIP Numbers of Class of Securities)

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(Name, address, and telephone numbers of person authorized to receive notices and communications on behalf of filing person)

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CALCULATION OF FILING FEE

Transaction Valuation*	Amount of Filing Fee**
\$287,500,000	\$32,947.50

- * Calculated solely for purposes of determining the filing fee. The purchase price of the 3.50% Senior Convertible Notes due 2027 (the "Notes"), as described herein, is 100% of the principal amount of the Notes. As of March 5, 2012, there was \$287,500,000 aggregate principal amount of Notes outstanding, resulting in an aggregate maximum purchase price of \$287,500,000.
- ** The filing fee was previously paid. The amount of the filing fee was calculated in accordance with Rule 0-11 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and equals \$114.60 for each \$1,000,000 of the value of the transaction.
- Check the box if any part of the fee is offset as provided by Rule 0-11(a)(2) and identify the filing with which the offsetting fee was previously paid. Identify the previous filing by registration statement number, or the Form or Schedule and the date of its filing.

Amount Previously Paid: \$32,947.50 Filing Party: SM Energy Company

Form or Registration No.: Schedule TO Date Filed: March 5, 2012

☐ Check the box if the filing relates solely to preliminary communications made before the commencement of a tender offer.

Check the appropriate transactions to which the statement relates:

Third-party tender offer subject to Rule 14d-1.

Issuer tender offer subject to Rule 13e-4.

☐ Going-private transaction subject to Rule 13e-3.

☐ Amendment to Schedule 13D under Rule 13d-2.

Check the following box if the filing is a final amendment reporting the results of the tender offer:

INTRODUCTORY STATEMENT

This Amendment No. 2 (this "Amendment No. 2") amends and supplements the Tender Offer Statement on Schedule TO originally filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on March 5, 2012, by SM Energy Company, a Delaware corporation (the "Company") (as supplemented and amended, including by Amendment No. 1 filed on March 19, 2012) (the "Schedule TO"), relating to the right of each holder (the "Holder") of the Company's 3.50% Senior Convertible Notes due 2027 (the 'Notes") to sell and the obligation of the Company to purchase the Notes (the "Put Right") pursuant to the terms of the Indenture, dated as of April 4, 2007 (the 'Indenture"), between the Company and Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., as trustee (the "Trustee"), as set forth in the Company's Put Right Notice to Holders of 3.50% Senior Convertible Notes due 2027, dated March 5, 2012, filed as an exhibit to the Schedule TO (as amended or supplemented from time to time, the "Put Right Notice").

This Amendment No. 2 is intended to satisfy the disclosure requirements of Rule 13e-4(c)(2) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the **Exchange Act**") and constitutes the final amendment to the Schedule TO, reporting the results of the Company's tender offer, pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c)(4) under the Exchange Act. The information contained in the Schedule TO, including the Put Right Notice, as supplemented and amended, is incorporated herein by reference.

Pursuant to the terms of the Notes and the Indenture, the Company was obligated to purchase, at the option of each Holder, all Notes validly surrendered for purchase and not withdrawn.

Item 4. Terms of the Transactions.

Item 4 of the Schedule TO is hereby amended and supplemented to include the following information:

The Put Right expired at 12:00 midnight, New York City time, on Friday, March 30, 2012 (one minute after 11:59 p.m. on such date). The Company has been advised by Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., as paying agent (the "Paying Agent"), that Put Right Purchase Notices (a "Purchase Notice") for Notes in the aggregate principal amount of \$14,000 were validly delivered and not withdrawn prior to the expiration of the Put Right. The Company has accepted for purchase all of the Notes for which a Purchase Notice was validly delivered and not withdrawn prior to the expiration of the Put Right. The purchase price for the Notes pursuant to the Put Right was \$1,000 in cash per \$1,000 principal amount of Notes. The aggregate purchase price for all the Notes for which a Purchase Notice was validly delivered and not withdrawn was \$14,000. The Company has forwarded cash in payment of the aggregate purchase price to the Paying Agent to distribute to the Holders. Following the expiration of the Put Right and the Company's purchase of Notes pursuant to the Put Right, \$287,486,000 in aggregate principal amount of the Notes remains outstanding.

Item 12. Exhibits.

Exhibit Number	Description
(a)(1)(A)*	Put Right Notice to Holders of 3.50% Senior Convertible Notes due 2027, dated March 5, 2012, including form of Repurchase Notice and form of Withdrawal Notice.
(a)(1)(B)*	IRS Form W-9.
(a)(5)(A)*	Press release dated March 5, 2012.
(a)(5)(B)*	Press release dated March 19, 2012.
(a)(5)(C)	Press release dated April 2, 2012.
(b)	None.

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(d)(2)	Registration Rights Agreement, dated as of April 4, 2007, among St. Mary Land & Exploration Company and Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated and Wachovia Capital Markets, LLC, for themselves and as representatives of the Initial Purchasers (filed Exhibit 4.2 to the registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on April 4, 2007, and incorporated herein by reference).
(g)	None.
(h)	None.
* Previ	ously filed.

SIGNATURES

After due inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

Date: April 2, 2012

SM ENERGY COMPANY

By: /s/ A. WADE PURSELL

Name: A. Wade Pursell

Title: Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

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Previously filed.

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Exhibit (a)(5)(C)

FOR INFORMATION
James R. Edwards
303-837-2444

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

SM ENERGY ANNOUNCES COMPLETION OF PUT RIGHT OFFER FOR 3,50% SENIOR CONVERTIBLE NOTES DUE 2027

DENVER, CO—April 2, 2012—SM Energy Company (NYSE:SM) today announces the completion of the put right offer related to its outstanding 3.50% Senior Convertible Notes due 2027 (the "Notes"). The put right offer expired at 12:00 midnight (one minute after 11:59 p.m.), New York City time on March 30, 2012. The tender offer was made pursuant to a Schedule TO (as amended), including a Put Right Notice dated March 5, 2012, which set forth the terms of the put right.

Based on information from Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., the paying agent for the Notes, holders of \$14,000 aggregate principal amount of the Notes had exercised their put right prior to the expiration of the put right offer. The aggregate purchase price of the Notes for which holders had exercised their put right was \$14,000, which the Company has paid in cash.

This press release is for information only and is not an offer to purchase, a solicitation of an offer to purchase, or a solicitation of an offer to sell securities of SM Energy Company. The offer to purchase the Notes was made only pursuant to the Company's Put Right Notice dated March 5, 2012, as supplemented and amended, and related documents.

Materials filed with the SEC will be available electronically without charge at the SEC's website, www.sec.gov. Documents filed with the SEC may also be obtained without charge at SM Energy's website, www.sm-energy.com.

About SM Energy

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.

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