

**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 18, 2013 (April 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
(IRS 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:

- 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))

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 April 16, 2013, SM Energy Company (the "**Company**") issued a press release announcing that the Board of Directors of the Company had declared a semi-annual dividend. 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.

The following exhibit is furnished as part of this report:

Exhibit Number	Description
99.1	Press release of the Company dated April 16, 2013, entitled "SM Energy Declares Semi-Annual Cash Dividend"

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.

Date: April 18, 2013

By: /s/ David W. Copeland
David W. Copeland
Executive Vice President, General Counsel and Corporate Secretary

FOR
INFORMATION
James R. Edwards
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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

SM ENERGY DECLARES SEMI-ANNUAL CASH DIVIDEND

DENVER, CO- April 16, 2013 SM Energy Company (NYSE: SM) today announces that its Board of Directors has approved a semi-annual cash dividend of \$0.05 per share of common stock outstanding. The dividend will be paid on May 8, 2013, to stockholders of record as of the close of business on April 26, 2013. The Company currently has approximately 66.2 million shares of common stock outstanding.

The Company has paid cash dividends to its stockholders every year since 1940. The Board of Directors plans to continue making semi-annual dividend payments at the rate of \$0.05 per share for the foreseeable future, subject in its sole discretion to future earnings, capital requirements, financial condition, contractual obligations, and other factors.

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.
