

ADAMS RESOURCES & ENERGY, INC.

Form 8-K

March 23, 2009

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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): March 23, 2009

ADAMS RESOURCES & ENERGY, INC.  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware  
(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation)

1-7908  
(Commission file  
number)

74-1753147  
(IRS employer  
identification no.)

4400 Post Oak Pkwy, Suite 2700, Houston, Texas  
(Address of principal executive offices)

77027  
(Zip code)

(713) 881-3600  
(Registrant's telephone  
number, including area  
code)

Item 2.02. Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

On March 23, 2009, Adams Resources & Energy, Inc., a Delaware corporation, issued a press release announcing financial results for the fourth quarter ended December 30, 2008. A copy of the earnings release is furnished as Exhibit 99.1 to this report and is incorporated herein by reference. The information in this Current Report on Form 8-K, including the exhibit, shall not be deemed “filed” for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the “Exchange Act”), or 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.

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SIGNATURE

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.

ADAMS RESOURCES & ENERGY, INC.

Date: March 23, 2009

By:/s/ Richard B. Abshire  
Richard B. Abshire  
Chief Financial Officer

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

ADAMS RESOURCES ANNOUNCES FOURTH QUARTER 2008 EARNINGS

Houston (March 23, 2009) -- Adams Resources & Energy, Inc., (NYSE Amex -AE), announced an unaudited fourth quarter 2008 net loss of \$6,332,000 or \$1.50 per common share on revenues totaling \$625,010,000. This compares to unaudited fourth quarter 2007 net earnings of \$2,003,000 or \$.47 per share on revenues of \$879,813,000. The net result for the full year of 2008 was a loss totaling \$5,572,000 or \$1.32 per share on revenues of \$4,159,672,000. The Company paid an annual cash dividend of \$.50 per share during the fourth quarter of 2008 which was a 6.4 percent increase over the 2007 annual dividend. Net cash provided by operating activities totaled \$13,639,000 for 2008 versus \$9,201,000 in 2007. The Company continues to have no bank debt or other forms of debenture obligations. Cash balances at December 31, 2008 totaled \$18,208,000.

A summary of operating results follows:

|                                | Fourth Quarter |              |
|--------------------------------|----------------|--------------|
|                                | 2008           | 2007         |
| Operating Earnings (Loss)      |                |              |
| Marketing                      | \$ (3,899,000) | \$ 6,618,000 |
| Transportation                 | 499,000        | 809,000      |
| Oil and gas                    | (5,955,000)    | (2,272,000)  |
| Administrative expenses        | (2,209,000)    | (3,483,000)  |
|                                | (11,564,000)   | 1,672,000    |
| Interest income, net           | 173,000        | 416,000      |
| Income tax benefit (provision) | 5,059,000      | (85,000)     |
| Net earnings (loss)            | \$ (6,332,000) | \$ 2,003,000 |

Chairman, K. S. "Bud" Adams, Jr., attributed the 2008 fourth quarter loss to an approximate 50 percent decline in crude oil prices during the period. Such declines lead to approximately \$12.2 million in pre-tax non-cash write downs of capitalized oil and gas property costs and crude oil inventory values. The Company also announced that during 2008, it participated in the drilling of 28 wells of which 19 wells were successful with nine dry holes. Oil and gas reserve extensions, discoveries and other reserve additions for 2008 replaced 153 percent of production on an equivalent barrel basis.

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The information in this release includes certain forward-looking statements that are based on assumptions that in the future may prove not to have been accurate. A number of factors could cause actual results or events to differ materially from those anticipated. Such factors include, among others, (a) general economic conditions and demand for chemical based trucking services, (b) fluctuations in hydrocarbon prices and margins, (c) variations between crude oil and natural gas contract volumes and actual delivery volumes, (d) unanticipated environmental liabilities or regulatory changes, (e) counterparty credit default, (f) inability to obtain bank and/or trade credit support, (g) availability and cost of insurance, (h) changes in tax laws, and (i) the availability of capital, (j) changes in regulations, (k) results of current and future items of litigation, (l) uninsured items of litigation or losses, (m) uncertainty in reserve estimates and cash flows, (n) ability to replace oil and gas reserves, (o) security issues related to drivers and terminal facilities, (p) commodity price volatility, (q) successful completion of drilling activity, (r) financial soundness of customers and suppliers, and (s) adverse world economic conditions. These and other risks are described in the

Company's reports that are on file with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

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UNAUDITED CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS  
(In thousands, except per share data)

|  | Year Ended   |              | Three Months Ended |            |
|--|--------------|--------------|--------------------|------------|
|  | December 31, |              | December 31,       |            |
|  | 2008         | 2007         | 2008               | 2007       |
| Revenues   | \$ 4,159,672 | \$ 2,636,222 | \$ 625,010         | \$ 879,813 |
| Costs, expenses and other                                    | (4,170,230)  | (2,610,708)  | (636,401)          | (877,725)  |
| Income tax benefit (provision)                               | 4,986        | (8,458)      | 5,059              | (85)       |
| Net earnings (loss)  | \$ (5,572)   | \$ 17,056    | \$ (6,332)         | \$ 2,003   |
| Basic and diluted net earnings<br>(loss)<br>per common share | \$ (1.32)    | \$ 4.04      | \$ (1.50)          | \$ .47     |
| Dividends per common share                                   | \$ .50       | \$ .47       | \$ .50             | \$ .47     |

UNAUDITED CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS  
(In thousands)

|                               | December<br>31,<br>2008 | December<br>31,<br>2007 |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| <b>ASSETS</b>                 |                         |                         |
| Cash                          | \$ 18,208               | \$ 23,697               |
| Other current assets          | 151,158                 | 288,196                 |
| Total current assets          | 169,366                 | 311,893                 |
| Net property & equipment      | 35,586                  | 39,698                  |
| Deposits and other assets     | 5,974                   | 5,484                   |
|                               | \$ 210,926              | \$ 357,075              |
| <b>LIABILITIES AND EQUITY</b> |                         |                         |
| Total current liabilities     | \$ 127,807              | \$ 261,321              |
| Long-term debt                | -                       | -                       |
| Deferred taxes and other      | 1,358                   | 6,312                   |
| Shareholders' equity          | 81,761                  | 89,442                  |
|                               | \$ 210,926              | \$ 357,075              |





