SM Energy Co Form 8-K November 04, 2011

# 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)

November 4, 2011 (November 3, 2011)

## **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

80203

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

Registrant s telephone number, including area code: (303) 861-8140

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#### 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.):	
o	Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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o	Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
o	Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

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#### Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure.

In accordance with General Instruction B.2. of Form 8-K, the information disclosed in this Item 7.01, including Exhibit 99.1, shall be deemed furnished and not filed for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the Exchange Act ). Such information and exhibits shall not be deemed incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the Securities Act ), or the Exchange Act, except as shall be expressly set forth by specific reference in such a filing.

On November 3, 2011, SM Energy Company (the Company ) issued a press release announcing that the Company had priced its private offering of \$350 million aggregate principal amount of 6.50% senior unsecured notes due 2021. 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.

Exhibits. (d) The following exhibit is furnished as part of this report: Exhibit 99.1 Press release of the Company dated November 3, 2011,

entitled SM Energy Prices \$350 Million Private Offering

of Senior Unsecured Notes Due 2021

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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: November 4, 2011 By: /s/ David W. Copeland

David W. Copeland

Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Corporate Secretary

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