

CARRIZO OIL & GAS INC
Form 8-K
March 15, 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): March 15, 2011

CARRIZO OIL & GAS, INC.
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Texas (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)	000-29187-87 (Commission File Number)	76-0415919 (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)
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1000 Louisiana Street Suite 1500 Houston, Texas (Address of principal executive offices)	77002 (Zip code)
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Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (713) 328-1000

Not applicable
(Former name or former address, if changed since last report.)

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Item 2.02.

Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

The press release dated March 15, 2011 concerning financial results of Carrizo Oil & Gas, Inc. (the “Company”) for the quarter and year ended December 31, 2010, furnished as Exhibit 99.1 to this report, is incorporated by reference herein.

The press release contains measures which may be deemed “non-GAAP financial measures” as defined in Item 10 of Regulation S-K of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. We discuss EBITDA, as defined in the press release, before Dividend Income on a total and a per share basis for the quarter ended December 31, 2010 and for the year ended December 31, 2010 and EBITDA, as defined in the press release, on a total and a per share basis for the quarter ended December 31, 2009 and for the year ended December 31, 2009. We believe that EBITDA, as defined, may provide additional information about our ability to meet our future requirements for debt service, capital expenditures and working capital. EBITDA, as defined, is a financial measure commonly used in the oil and gas industry and should not be considered in isolation or as a substitute for net income, operating income, cash flows from operating activities or any other measure of financial performance presented in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles or as a measure of a company’s profitability or liquidity. Because EBITDA, as defined, excludes some, but not all, items that affect net income, the EBITDA, as defined, presented in the press release may not be comparable to similarly titled measures of other companies.

We discuss Adjusted Net Income Before Dividend Income excluding the non-cash after-tax items comprised of the loss on extinguishment of debt, an unrealized loss on derivatives, non-cash stock-based compensation expense and non-cash interest expense, net of amounts capitalized, on a total and a per share basis for the quarter ended December 31, 2010. We discuss Adjusted Net Income excluding the non-cash after-tax items comprised of an impairment of oil and gas properties, non-cash stock-based compensation expense, an unrealized gain on derivatives, non-cash interest expense, net of amounts capitalized, and bad debt expense on a total and a per share basis for the quarter ended December 31, 2009. We discuss Adjusted Net Income Before Dividend Income excluding the non-cash after-tax items comprised of the loss on extinguishment of debt, non-cash stock-based compensation expense, an unrealized gain on derivatives, non-cash interest expense, net of amounts capitalized, an impairment of oil and gas properties and bad debt expense on a total and a per share basis for the year ended December 31, 2010. We discuss Adjusted Net Income excluding the non-cash after-tax items comprised of an impairment of oil and gas properties, an unrealized loss on derivatives, non-cash stock-based compensation expense, non-cash interest expense, net of amounts capitalized, an impairment of investment, non-cash contribution expense and bad debt expense on a total and a per share basis for the year ended December 31, 2009. We believe that this information will help investors compare results between periods and identify operating trends that would otherwise be masked by the non-cash after-tax items. The most comparable GAAP financial measure, net income (loss), and information reconciling the GAAP and non-GAAP measures were also included in the press release.

As further described in the press release, we received cash distributions on our B Unit investment in ACP II Marcellus, LLC, our initial joint venture partner in the Marcellus Shale, in the third and fourth quarters of 2010. We recently responded to a regulatory authority regarding the basis for recognizing the cash distributions as Dividend Income in our third quarter 2010 results. Because our response is currently under review by the regulatory authority, our financial results for the year ended December 31, 2010 are preliminary and, accordingly, Net Income, Adjusted Net Income and EBITDA have been reported before the potential effect of cash distributions received during the third and fourth quarters of 2010, which is the sole remaining topic of the regulatory review. The cash distributions may be included in Net Income, Adjusted Net Income and EBITDA if the recognition of such amounts in income is permitted following the regulatory review.

We discuss adjusted revenues including the impact of realized hedges for the quarters ended December 31, 2009 and 2010 and for the years ended December 31, 2009 and 2010. We believe that this information will help investors understand our actual results, which are impacted by our oil and gas derivatives. The most comparable GAAP financial measure, revenue, and information reconciling the GAAP and non-GAAP measures were also included in the press release.

None of the information furnished in Item 2.02 and the accompanying exhibit will be deemed “filed” for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, nor will it be incorporated by reference into any registration statement filed by the Company under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, unless specifically identified therein as being incorporated therein by reference. The furnishing of the information in this Item 2.02 and the accompanying exhibit is not intended to, and does not, constitute a determination or admission by the Company, that the information in this Item 2.02 and the accompanying exhibit is material or complete, or that investors should consider this information before making an investment decision with respect to any security of the Company.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

Exhibit Number	Description
99.1	Press Release dated March 15, 2011 announcing financial results for the fourth quarter and full year 2010.

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.

CARRIZO OIL & GAS, INC.

By:	/s/ Paul F. Boling
Name:	Paul F. Boling
Title:	Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

Date: March 15, 2011

EXHIBIT INDEX

99.1 Press Release dated March 15, 2011 announcing preliminary financial results for the fourth quarter and full year 2010.
