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November 01, 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 1, 2011 (October 31, 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.)
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1775 Sherman Street, Suite 1200, Denver, Colorado (Address of principal executive offices)	80203 (Zip Code)
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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 (see General Instruction A.2.):

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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))



Item 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

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 (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 or the Exchange Act, except as shall be expressly set forth by specific reference in such a filing.

On October 31, 2011, SM Energy Company (the "Company") issued a press release announcing its results of operations for the third quarter of 2011. As indicated in the press release, the Company scheduled a third quarter 2011 earnings teleconference call for November 1, 2011, at 8:00 a.m. (Mountain Time). The teleconference call, and a replay of that call, is publicly accessible, and the press release includes instructions as to when and how to access the teleconference and the location on the Company's web site where the teleconference information will be available. A copy of the press release is furnished as Exhibit 99.1 to this report and incorporated by reference herein.

The press release also contains information about the Company's operating cash flow, which is a "non-GAAP financial measure" under SEC rules. The press release also presents information about the Company's net cash provided by operating activities, which is the most directly comparable GAAP financial measure, and contains a reconciliation of operating cash flow to net cash provided by operating activities for the periods presented, a presentation of other cash flow information under GAAP, and a statement indicating why management believes that the presentation of operating cash flow provides useful information to investors.

The press release contains information about the Company's adjusted net income, which is a "non-GAAP financial measure" under SEC rules. The press release also presents information about the Company's net income, which is the most directly comparable GAAP financial measure, and contains a reconciliation of adjusted net income to net income for the periods presented and a statement indicating why management believes that the presentation of adjusted net income provides useful information to investors.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

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| (d) | Exhibits.<br>Exhibit 99.1 | The following exhibit is furnished as part of this report:<br>Press release of the Company dated October 31, 2011, entitled SM Energy Reports Results For The Third Quarter Of 2011 |
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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 1, 2011 By: /s/ David W. Copeland  
David W. Copeland  
Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Corporate  
Secretary