

SM Energy Co
Form 8-K
August 19, 2014

**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)

August 19, 2014 (August 15, 2014)

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
(Address of principal executive offices)

80203
(Zip Code)

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

Not applicable

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(Former name or former address, if changed since last report.)

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 - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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Item 5.02 **Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.**

On August 15, 2014, the Board of Directors of SM Energy Company (the *Company*) appointed Herbert S. Vogel as Executive Vice President Operations.

Mr. Vogel joined the Company in March 2012 as Senior Vice President Portfolio Development and Technical Services, and was responsible for Corporate Exploration, Engineering, Land, Marketing and EHS activities. Mr. Vogel has over 29 years of experience in the oil and gas business. He joined the Company after his retirement from BP, where he most recently served as the President of BP Energy Co. and Regional Business Unit Leader of North American Gas & Power. His previous roles included COO-NGL, Power & Financial Products in Houston, Managing Director Gas Europe & Africa in London, and Sr. VP of the Tangguh LNG Project in Indonesia. Mr. Vogel started his career as a reservoir engineer with ARCO Alaska, Inc., and progressed through a series of positions of increasing responsibility in engineering, operations management, new ventures development, and business unit management at ARCO and BP.

There is no arrangement or understanding pursuant to which Mr. Vogel was selected as Executive Vice President Operations of the Company. There are no family relationships between Mr. Vogel and any other executive officer or director of the Company, and there are no transactions or proposed transactions between Mr. Vogel and the Company that would require disclosure pursuant to Item 404(a) of Regulation S-K.

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 August 18, 2014, the Company issued a press release announcing the Company's improved production outlook and revised guidance. 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.**

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| (d)Exhibits. | The following exhibit is furnished as part of this report: |
| Exhibit 99.1 | Press release of the Company dated August 18, 2014, entitled, SM Energy Announces Improved Production Outlook and Revised Guidance |

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: August 19, 2014

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