

Rice Energy Inc.  
Form 8-K  
March 12, 2015

**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 10, 2015**

**RICE ENERGY INC.**

**(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)**

**Delaware**  
**(State or Other Jurisdiction**  
  
**of Incorporation)**

**001-36273**  
**(Commission**  
  
**File Number)**  
**400 Woodcliff Drive**

**46-3785773**  
**(I.R.S. Employer**  
  
**Identification No.)**

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**Canonsburg, Pennsylvania 15317**

**(Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)**

**(724) 746-6720**

**(Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code)**

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:

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

**Item 1.01 Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement**

On March 10, 2015, in connection with the appointment of John McCartney to the board of directors (the Board ) of Rice Energy Inc. (the Company ), as described below under Item 5.02, the Company entered into an Indemnification Agreement (the Indemnification Agreement ) with Mr. McCartney. The Indemnification Agreement requires the Company to indemnify Mr. McCartney to the fullest extent permitted under Delaware law against liability that may arise by reason of his service to the Company, and to advance expenses incurred as a result of any proceeding against him as to which he could be indemnified.

The foregoing description of the Indemnification Agreement is not complete and is qualified in its entirety by reference to the full text of the Indemnification Agreement, which is attached as Exhibit 10.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K and incorporated in this Item 1.01 by reference.

**Item 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition.**

On March 12, 2015, the Company announced its results for the quarter and year ended December 31, 2014. A copy of the Company's press release is furnished as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K.

**Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.**

On March 10, 2015, Mr. McCartney was appointed as a director of the Board, effective immediately. Mr. McCartney will serve as a Class III director and he will stand for reelection at the Company's annual meeting of stockholders in 2017. Mr. McCartney does not currently serve on any committees of the Board.

The Board has determined that Mr. McCartney is an independent director under Sections 303A.02 and 303A.07 of the New York Stock Exchange Listed Company Manual and under Rule 10A-3 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

There are no arrangements or understandings between Mr. McCartney and any other persons pursuant to which Mr. McCartney was selected as a director of the Company. There are no relationships between Mr. McCartney and the Company or any of its subsidiaries that would require disclosure pursuant to Item 404(a) of Regulation S-K.

As a non-employee director, Mr. McCartney will receive compensation in accordance with the Company's policies for compensating non-employee directors, including any long-term equity incentive awards under the Company's Long Term Incentive Plan.

As described in Item 1.01 hereto, in connection with his appointment to the Board, the Company entered into an Indemnification Agreement with Mr. McCartney. The description of the Indemnification Agreement provided under Item 1.01 is incorporated in this Item 5.02 by reference.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(d) Exhibits.

**Description**

**Exhibit  
No.**

10.1 Indemnification Agreement (John McCartney).

99.1 Press Release dated March 12, 2015.

THE INFORMATION FURNISHED UNDER ITEM 2.02 OF THIS CURRENT REPORT, INCLUDING EXHIBIT 99.1 ATTACHED HERETO, SHALL NOT BE DEEMED FILED FOR THE PURPOSES OF SECTION 18 OF THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934, NOR SHALL IT BE DEEMED INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE INTO ANY REGISTRATION STATEMENT OR OTHER FILING PURSUANT TO THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933, EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE EXPRESSLY STATED IN SUCH FILING.

**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.

**RICE ENERGY INC.**

By: /s/ Daniel J. Rice IV  
Daniel J. Rice IV  
Director, Chief Executive Officer

Dated: March 12, 2015

**EXHIBIT INDEX**

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