

SM Energy Co  
Form 8-K  
April 03, 2017

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 31, 2017

SM Energy Company  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware                      001-31539    41-0518430  
(State or other jurisdiction (Commission (I.R.S. Employer  
of incorporation)              File Number) 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

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 1.01 Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement.

On March 31, 2017, SM Energy Company (the “Company”) entered into the Ninth Amendment (the “Amendment”) to the Fifth Amended and Restated Credit Agreement (the “Credit Agreement”) by and among the Company, Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, as Administrative Agent, and the institutions named therein as lenders. Capitalized terms used but not defined herein have the meanings ascribed to such terms in the Amendment or the Credit Agreement, as applicable.

The Amendment modifies the Credit Agreement to allow the Company to enter into Swap Agreements for an aggregate notional volume up to 85% of the Company’s projected volumes of produced crude oil, natural gas and natural gas liquids during the 36-month period following the execution of any Swap Agreement, and 75% of the Company’s expected production from its proved reserves for the 24-month period commencing on the third anniversary of such Swap Agreement. In addition, pursuant to the Amendment, the Lenders agreed to set the Borrowing Base and the Aggregate Commitment at \$925 million (pursuant to the regularly scheduled redetermination).

The foregoing description of the Amendment does not purport to be complete and is qualified in its entirety by reference to the Amendment, a copy of which is filed as Exhibit 10.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K and is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 2.03 Creation of a Direct Financial Obligation or an Obligation under an Off-Balance Sheet Arrangement of a Registrant.

The information set forth in Item 1.01 of this Current Report on Form 8-K is incorporated into this Item 2.03 by reference.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

| Exhibit Number | Description   |
|----------------|---|
| Exhibit 10.1   | Ninth Amendment to Fifth Amended and Restated Credit Agreement, dated March 31, 2017, among SM Energy Company, Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, as Administrative Agent, and the Lenders party thereto |

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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: April 3, 2017 By: /s/ David W. Copeland

David W. Copeland

Executive Vice President, General Counsel and Corporate Secretary