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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) May 2, 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.):

[_] Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
[_] Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
[_] Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
[_] Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2 of this chapter).

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If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

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, 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 May 2, 2017, SM Energy Company (the "Company") issued a press release announcing its financial results for the first quarter of 2017, as well as providing an operational update. As indicated in the press release, the Company has scheduled a related first quarter of 2017 earnings call for May 3, 2017, at 8:00 a.m. (Mountain Time). The conference call is publicly accessible via telephone and webcast, and the press release includes instructions for dialing in to the call or accessing via the Company's website. A copy of the press release is furnished as Exhibit 99.1 to this report and incorporated by reference herein. The slides that will be presented in conjunction with the earnings call will be available for viewing on the Company's website beginning on May 2, 2017, although the Company reserves the right to discontinue that availability at any time.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits. The following exhibit is furnished as part of this report:

Exhibit Press release of SM Energy Company dated May 2, 2017, entitled "SM Energy Reports First Quarter of 2017 Results - Higher Production, Lower Capital Versus Plan, Production Guidance Raised"

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: May 2, 2017 By:/s/PATRICK A. LYTLE

Patrick A. Lytle

Director, Financial Planning and Reporting and Assistant Secretary