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SM Energy Co Form 8-K August 02, 2016 **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 2, 2016 **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))

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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 August 2, 2016, SM Energy Company (the "Company") issued a press release announcing its financial results for the second quarter of 2016, as well as providing an operational update. As indicated in the press release, the Company has scheduled a related second quarter of 2016 earnings teleconference call for August 3, 2016, at 8:00 a.m. (Mountain Time). The teleconference call is publicly accessible, and the press release includes instructions concerning 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 slides that will be presented on the call will be available for viewing on the Company's web site on August 2, 2016, 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 99.1 Press release of SM Energy Company dated August 2, 2016, entitled "SM Energy Reports Second Quarter of 2016 Results - Exceeding Expectations Across the Board - Raising Production Guidance, Lowering Capital Guidance"

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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: August 2, 2016 By:/s/ PATRICK A. LYTLE

Patrick A. Lytle

Director, Financial Planning and Reporting and Assistant Secretary