

BAYTEX ENERGY CORP.

Form 6-K

January 20, 2017

UNITED STATES

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 6-K

Report of Foreign Private Issuer

Pursuant to Rule 13a-16 or 15d-16 Under the

Securities Exchange Act of 1934

For the month of January 2017

Commission File Number: 1-32754

BAYTEX ENERGY CORP.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

2800, 520 – 3rd AVENUE S.W.

CALGARY, ALBERTA, CANADA

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(Address of principal executive office)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant files or will file annual reports under cover Form 20-F or Form 40-F.

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Yes ☐ No ☐

If "Yes" is marked, indicate below the file number assigned to the registrant in connection with Rule 12g3-2(b):

The following document attached as an exhibit hereto is incorporated by reference herein:

Exhibit No. Document

99.1 Press Release dated January 20, 2017 (Baytex Announces Closing of Peace River Acquisition)

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, thereunto duly authorized.

BAYTEX ENERGY CORP.

_____/s/ Brian G. Ector_____

Name: Brian G. Ector

Title: Senior Vice President, Capital Markets and Public Affairs

Dated: January 20, 2017