SM Energy Co Form 8-K February 01, 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) January 31, 2017

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

Delaware001-3153941-0518430(State or other jurisdiction(Commission (I.R.S. Employer<br/>of incorporation)File Number) Identification No.)

1775 Sherman Street, Suite 1200, Denver, Colorado80203(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 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 January 31, 2017, SM Energy Company (the "Company") issued a press release announcing certain results from the fourth quarter and full year of 2016. A copy of the press release is furnished as Exhibit 99.1 to this report and incorporated by reference herein.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits. (d) Exhibits.

Exhibit Number Description

99.1 Press release of the Company dated January 31, 2017, entitled "SM Energy Announces Results on 8 New Howard County Wells and Certain Year-End 2016 Metrics"

## 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: February 1, 2017 By:/s/ David W. Copeland David W. Copeland Executive Vice President, General Counsel and Corporate Secretary