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| SM Energy Co<br>Form 8-K<br>May 29, 2012   |  |   |                    |
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| UNITED STATES<br>SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE<br>Washington, D.C. 20549                         | E COMMISSION                             |   |                    |
| FORM 8-K   |  |   |                    |
| CURRENT REPORT   |  |   |                    |
| Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of   | the Securities Exchange A                | act of 1934   |                    |
| Date of Report (Date of earliest ev<br>May 29, 2012 (May 21, 2012)                         | vent reported)                           |   |                    |
| SM Energy Company<br>(Exact name of registrant as speci                                    | fied in its charter)                     |   |                    |
| Delaware<br>(State or other jurisdiction<br>of incorporation)                              | 001-31539<br>(Commission<br>File Number) | 41-0518430<br>(I.R.S. Employer<br>Identification No.)           |                    |
| 1775 Sherman Street, Suite 1200, Denver, Colorado (Address of principal executive offices) |  | 80203<br>(Zip Code)   |                    |
| Registrant's telephone number, inc   | cluding area code: (303) 86              | 51-8140   |                    |
| Not applicable<br>(Former name or former address,  | if changed since last report             | )   |                    |
| Check the appropriate box below the registrant under any of the following                  | •  | tended to simultaneously satisfy the fileral Instruction A.2.): | ling obligation of |
| [_] Written communications pursu   | ant 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))

Item 5.07 Submission of Matters to a Vote of Security Holders.

On May 23, 2012, SM Energy Company (the "Company") held its Annual Meeting of Stockholders (the "Annual Meeting"). At the Annual Meeting, the Company's stockholders elected all of the incumbent directors, and approved the two additional proposals described below. Each director was elected by a majority vote. The directors elected and the final vote tabulation for each director were as follows:

| Director            | For        | Against   | Abstain | Non-Votes |
|---------------------|------------|-----------|---------|-----------|
| Barbara M. Baumann  | 55,921,949 | 871,644   | 14,650  | 4,475,460 |
| Anthony J. Best     | 56,079,380 | 717,372   | 11,491  | 4,475,460 |
| Larry W. Bickle     | 55,989,936 | 807,205   | 11,102  | 4,475,460 |
| Stephen R. Brand    | 56,187,128 | 609,982   | 11,133  | 4,475,460 |
| William J. Gardiner | 55,980,198 | 816,912   | 11,133  | 4,475,460 |
| Julio M. Quintana   | 56,567,253 | 229,991   | 10,999  | 4,475,460 |
| John M. Seidl       | 55,416,130 | 1,383,332 | 8,781   | 4,475,460 |
| William D. Sullivan | 56,362,715 | 386,550   | 59,978  | 4,475,460 |

The Company's stockholders also approved the proposal to ratify the appointment by the Company's Audit Committee of Deloitte & Touche LLP, as the Company's independent registered public accounting firm for 2012. The final vote tabulation for that proposal was as follows:

| For     | 60,504,675 |
|---------|------------|
| Against | 765,802    |
| Abstain | 13,226     |

The Company's stockholders also approved, by a non-binding advisory vote, the proposal regarding the compensation of the Company's named executive officers. The final vote tabulation for that proposal was as follows:

| For       | 55,072,910 |
|-----------|------------|
| Against   | 1,600,434  |
| Abstain   | 134,899    |
| Non-Votes | 4,475,460  |

Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure.

In accordance with General Instruction B.2. of Form 8-K, the following information shall not be deemed filed for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (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 or the Exchange Act, except as shall be expressly set forth by specific reference in such a filing.

On May 21, 2012, the Company completed the previously announced conversion and redemption of its 3.50% Senior Convertible Notes due 2027 (the "3.50% Senior Convertible Notes"). The Company settled all converted 3.50% Senior Convertible Notes by paying cash equal to the principal amount of the converted notes and, with respect to the excess conversion value, by issuing, in aggregate, 864,106 shares of our common stock. On May 2, 2012, the Company redeemed the remaining 3.50% Senior Convertible Notes that were not converted, at par plus accrued interest in cash.

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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: May 29, 2012 By: /s/ David W. Copeland

David W. Copeland

Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Corporate

Secretary