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May 19, 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)
May 15, 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.):

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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).

Emerging growth company

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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 2.06 Material Impairments.

As previously announced in its press release dated May 16, 2017, SM Energy Company (the “Company”) has postponed indefinitely the planned sale of its Divide County, North Dakota assets as valuations in the sales process did not reach the Company’s threshold to meaningfully reduce its leverage. Upon reclassifying these assets as held for use, the Company anticipates recording a pre-tax non-cash impairment charge to loss on divestiture activity in the range of \$150 million to \$200 million in the second quarter of 2017. This range is based on market conditions that existed on May 15, 2017, the date the Company finalized its decision not to sell these assets. No cash expenditures are anticipated as a result of this impairment charge.

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 19, 2017 By: /s/ MARK T. SOLOMON

Mark T. Solomon

Vice President - Controller and Assistant Secretary