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) February 14, 2022

SM Energy Company

Delaware

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter) 001-31539

41-0518430

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation) (Commission File Number) (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.) 1775 Sherman Street, Suite 1200 80203 Denver, Colorado (Zip Code) (Address of principal executive offices) 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)) Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act: Title of each class Trading symbol(s) Name of each exchange on which registered Common stock, \$0.01 par value SM **New York Stock Exchange** 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 \square 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. \Box

Item 1.02 Termination of a Material Definitive Agreement.

On February 14, 2022, SM Energy Company (the "Company") will use cash on hand to redeem the \$104.8 million of aggregate principal amount outstanding of its 5.0% Senior Notes due 2024 (the "2024 Senior Notes"), plus accrued interest, pursuant to the terms of the indenture governing the 2024 Senior Notes (the "Indenture"). In connection with the redemption of the 2024 Senior Notes, on February 14, 2022, the Company will satisfy and discharge all of its remaining obligations under the Indenture.

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 14, 2022

By: /s/ PATRICK A. LYTLE

Patrick A. Lytle
Vice President - Chief Accounting Officer and Controller
(Principal Accounting Officer)