

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 26, 2022**

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

**Delaware**  
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

**001-31539**  
(Commission File Number)

**41-0518430**  
(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

**1775 Sherman Street, Suite 1200**  
**Denver, Colorado**  
(Address of principal executive offices)

**80203**  
(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.):

- 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
<b>Common stock, \$0.01 par value</b>	<b>SM</b>	<b>New York Stock Exchange</b>

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

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.

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

On May 26, 2022, 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 that stood for reelection, 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:

<b>Director</b>	<b>For</b>	<b>Against</b>	<b>Abstain</b>	<b>Non-Votes</b>
Carla J. Bailo	94,959,129	1,597,865	35,877	12,650,882
Stephen R. Brand	93,668,048	2,898,117	26,704	12,650,884
Ramiro G. Peru	96,262,797	302,263	27,810	12,650,883
Anita M. Powers	96,426,030	128,477	38,364	12,650,882
Julio M. Quintana	93,689,260	2,878,873	24,737	12,650,883
Rose M. Robeson	91,061,975	5,501,760	29,136	12,650,882
William D. Sullivan	94,716,978	1,847,825	28,066	12,650,884
Herbert S. Vogel	95,309,366	1,254,271	29,233	12,650,883

The Company's stockholders 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	93,416,207
Against	3,041,050
Abstain	135,612
Non-Votes	12,650,884

The Company's stockholders approved the proposal to ratify the appointment by the Company's Audit Committee of Ernst & Young LLP, as the Company's independent registered public accounting firm for 2022. The final vote tabulation for that proposal was as follows:

For	108,360,113
Against	856,951
Abstain	26,689

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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 27, 2022

By: /s/ ANDREW T. FISKE  
Andrew T. Fiske  
Deputy General Counsel and Corporate Secretary