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)

June 17, 2022

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

(Zip Code)

Delaware 001-31539 41-0518430 (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation) (Commission File Number) (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.) 80203

1700 Lincoln Street, Suite 3200 Denver, Colorado (Address of principal executive offices)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (303) 861-8140

1775 Sherman Street, Suite 1200 Denver, Colorado 80203

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report.)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended General Instruction A.2.):	to simultaneously satisfy the filing obliga	ation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see
$\hfill \square$ Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Security	ities Act (17 CFR 230.425)	
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Securiti	ies 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 growthe Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2 of this chapter).		he Securities Act of 1933 (§230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of
Emerging growth company \square		
If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the regi accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Ex		ed transition period for complying with any new or revised financial

Item 1.02 Termination of a Material Definitive Agreement

On June 17, 2022, SM Energy Company (the "Company") used cash on hand to redeem the \$446.7 million of aggregate principal amount outstanding of its 10.0% Senior Secured Notes due 2025 (the "2025 Senior Secured Notes") at a redemption price of 107.5 percent of the principal amount, plus accrued and unpaid interest, pursuant to the terms of the indenture governing the 2025 Senior Secured Notes (the "Indenture"). In connection with the redemption of the 2025 Senior Secured Notes, on June 17, 2022, the Company satisfied and discharged all of its remaining obligations under the Indenture, and all collateral that secures such obligations will be released and discharged. The Company cancelled all redeemed 2025 Senior Secured Notes upon settlement.

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: June 17, 2022 By: <u>/s/ PATRICK A. LYTLE</u>

Patrick A. Lytle

Vice President - Chief Accounting Officer and Controller

(Principal Accounting Officer)