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)
November 9, 2026

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

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

1700 Lincoln Street, Suite 3200 **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)

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☐ 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 ☐

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 5.02 Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.

On November 9, 2026, SM Energy Company (the "***Company***") announced the appointment of George Green as Senior Vice President – Chief Legal Officer and Corporate Secretary, effective November 9, 2026. In connection with this appointment, James Lebeck, currently Executive Vice President – Chief Corporate Development Officer, General Counsel and Corporate Secretary, will continue serving as Executive Vice President – Chief Corporate Development Officer.

Prior to joining the Company, Mr. Green served as General Counsel of PerkinElmer, a global life sciences technology company, which he joined in June 2023. Previously, Mr. Green spent nine years at DCP Midstream in roles of increasing responsibility, including serving as Group Vice President and General Counsel from 2021 to 2023. Before joining DCP Midstream, Mr. Green practiced law at Arnold & Porter in Denver, Colorado.

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: November 9, 2026

By: /s/ ALAN D. BENNETT
Alan D. Bennett
Vice President - Controller
(Principal Accounting Officer)