
**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): December 15, 2015

WPX Energy, Inc.
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)

1-35322
(Commission
File Number)

45-1836028
(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

One Williams Center
Tulsa, Oklahoma
(Address of principal executive offices)

74172-0172
(Zip Code)

(855) 979-2012
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Not applicable
(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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 - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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Item 8.01 Other Events.

We significantly increased our leverage in 2015 as a result of our acquisition of RKI Exploration & Production, LLC. As disclosed in our Form 10-Q for the quarter ended September 30, 2015, this increased leverage – along with the lower commodity price environment in which our industry finds itself – resulted in our establishing goals for debt reduction via asset sales in 2015 and 2016 and in considering options for unlocking the value of our assets in the Piceance Basin. In that regard, we have been engaged in discussions with third parties respecting a disposition of all or a portion of our assets in the Piceance Basin. Though these discussions may result in an agreement for the disposition of those assets, we can provide no assurance that any such agreement will occur or, if it occurs, that the transaction that is the subject of the agreement will close on the terms to which we have agreed.

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

WPX Energy, Inc.

Date: December 15, 2015

By: /s/ Stephen E. Brilz
Name: Stephen E. Brilz
Title: Vice President and Secretary