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**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
Washington, D.C. 20549

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**FORM 8-K**

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**CURRENT REPORT  
PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15 (d)  
OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

**Date of report (Date of earliest event reported): October 26, 2015**

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**WPX Energy, Inc.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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**Delaware**  
(State or Other Jurisdiction  
of Incorporation)

**1-35322**  
(Commission  
File Number)

**45-1836028**  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

**3500 One Williams Center, Tulsa, Oklahoma**  
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

**74172-0172**  
(Zip Code)

**Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code: (855) 979-2012**

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Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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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 5.02      Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers**

On October 26, 2015, WPX Energy, Inc. (together with its subsidiaries, the “Company”) announced the promotion of Clay M. Gaspar, age 43, to the position of Senior Vice President and Chief Operating Officer, effective as of November 2, 2015.

Mr. Gaspar has served as Senior Vice President of Operations and Resource Development at the Company since October 2014. Prior to joining the Company, and since July 2012, Mr. Gaspar served as Vice President – Mid-Continent for Newfield Exploration Company. Prior to joining Newfield, Mr. Gaspar spent 16 years with Anadarko Petroleum Corporation where he served as General Manager of Investor Relations from 2011-2012, General Manager – Business Advisor from 2009-2011, and General Manager – East Texas from 2007-2009. From 1996-2007, Mr. Gaspar served in various engineering and management positions at Anadarko. Mr. Gaspar started his career with Mewbourne Oil Company as a production and drilling engineer where he worked part-time as a student from 1991-1995 and then full-time from 1995-1996. He is a member of the Society of Petroleum Engineers and holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Petroleum Engineering from Texas A&M University and a Master of Science degree in Petroleum and Geosciences Engineering from the University of Texas at Austin and is a Registered Professional Engineer in the state of Texas.

Mr. Gaspar does not have a family relationship with any director or executive officer of the Company. There have been no transactions, nor are there any currently proposed transactions, to which the Company has been or will be a party and in which Mr. Gaspar has had or will have a direct or indirect material interest.

Mr. Gaspar will receive the following compensation in connection with his promotion:

*Salary.* His annual base salary rate will be increased to \$500,000.

*Equity Award.* He will receive a one-time restricted stock grant on November 2, 2015, valued by the Company at \$1 million, which will vest in one-third increments over a three-year period.

**Item 9.01      Financial Statements and Exhibits**

(d)    Exhibits

99.1    Press Release, dated October 26, 2015, issued by WPX Energy, Inc.

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**SIGNATURE**

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.

WPX ENERGY, INC.

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

DATED: October 26, 2015

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**EXHIBIT INDEX**

<u>Exhibit No.</u>	<u>Description</u>
Exhibit 99.1	Press Release, dated October 26, 2015, issued by WPX Energy, Inc.

WPX Energy, Inc.  
(NYSE:WPX)  
www.wpenergy.com



# News Release

**DATE:** Oct. 26, 2015

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## WPX Energy Promotes Clay Gaspar to Chief Operating Officer

TULSA, Okla. – WPX Energy (NYSE: WPX) has promoted Clay M. Gaspar to Senior Vice President and Chief Operating Officer, effective Nov. 2, 2015.

Gaspar joined WPX in October 2014 as Senior Vice President of Operations and Resource Development. Under Gaspar’s leadership, WPX has significantly decreased its development costs and operating expenses in support of the company’s plan to increase margins.

“Clay has earned this recognition,” said Rick Muncrief, president and chief executive officer. “We highly value the passion for excellence he brings to our company and the positive impact he’s making on our entire organization.”

Gaspar has excelled with change management, leading the company’s operations through a number of transitions including divestitures, WPX’s acquisition in the Permian Basin, an office consolidation and the recruitment of additional technical talent.

He is a member of The Society of Petroleum Engineers and has a bachelor’s degree in petroleum engineering from Texas A&M and a master’s degree in petroleum and geosciences engineering from The University of Texas.

Prior to WPX, he worked for Newfield Exploration, Anadarko Petroleum and Mewbourne Oil in a number of technical and leadership roles.

### About WPX Energy, Inc.

WPX is a domestic energy producer with operations in the western United States. The company has reported double-digit oil volume growth in each of the past three years and operates more than 5,000 natural gas wells. WPX is reshaping its portfolio through more than \$4 billion of acquisitions and divestitures.

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