

LINN ENERGY, LLC
Form 8-K
August 27, 2015

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): August 27, 2015 (August 24, 2015)

LINN ENERGY, LLC
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charters)

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| Delaware (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization) | 000-51719 (Commission File Number) | 65-1177591 (IRS Employer Identification No.) |
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| 600 Travis, Suite 5100 Houston, Texas (Address of principal executive offices) | 77002 (Zip Code) |
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Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (281) 840-4000

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

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

On August 24, 2015, Linn Energy, LLC (the “Company”) announced the appointment of David B. Rottino, 48, as Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer. Mr. Rottino has served as Executive Vice President, Business Development and Chief Accounting Officer of the Company since January 2014. He previously served as Senior Vice President of Finance, Business Development and Chief Accounting Officer from July 2010 to January 2014 and from June 2008 to July 2010, Mr. Rottino served as Senior Vice President and Chief Accounting Officer of the Company. In connection with his previous role at the Company, Mr. Rottino and the Company entered into that certain Second Amended and Restated Employment Agreement (“Existing Employment Agreement”), effective December 17, 2008, that provides for a minimum annual base salary subject to annual review and upward adjustment by the Compensation Committee. Under the Existing Employment Agreement, Mr. Rottino is entitled to receive incentive compensation payable and awards under the Company’s Long Term Incentive Plan (“LTIP”), each at the discretion of the Compensation Committee. Awards under the LTIP generally fully vest upon change of control or a termination of Mr. Rottino’s employment by the Company without cause, termination of employment by Mr. Rottino with good reason or upon Mr. Rottino’s death or disability. In connection with Mr. Rottino’s appointment as Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, the Company anticipates amending the Existing Employment Agreement to reflect his new responsibilities.

The Company also announced that Kolja Rockov, the Company’s current Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer will be leaving the Company effective August 31, 2015.

A copy of the press release announcing Mr. Rottino’s appointment and Mr. Rockov’s departure is attached to this Report as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated into this Item 5.02 by reference.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

| Exhibit Number | Description |
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| Exhibit 99.1 | Press Release dated August 24, 2015 announcing the appointment of David B. Rottino as Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer and the departure of Kolja Rockov. |

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.

LINN ENERGY, LLC

Date: August 27, 2015

By: /s/ Candice J. Wells
Candice J. Wells
Vice President, General Counsel and
Corporate Secretary