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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-A

FOR REGISTRATION OF CERTAIN CLASSES OF SECURITIES PURSUANT TO SECTION 12(b) OR 12(g) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

SANCHEZ ENERGY CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware (State of incorporation or organization)

45-3090102 (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

1111 Bagby Street

Suite 1600

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Houston, Texas 77002

(Address of principal executive offices and zip code)

Securities to be registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

Title of each class to be so registered

Name of each exchange on which each class is to be registered

Common Stock, \$0.01 par value per share

New York Stock Exchange

If this form relates to the registration of a class of securities pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Exchange Act and is effective pursuant to General Instruction A.(c), please check the following box. x

If this form relates to the registration of a class of securities pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Exchange Act and is effective pursuant to General Instruction A.(d), please check the following box.

Securities Act registration statement file number to which this form relates (if applicable): 333-176613

Securities to be registered pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Act: None

INFORMATION REQUIRED IN REGISTRATION STATEMENT

Item 1. Description of Registrant $\,$ s Securities to be Registered

A description of the common stock, par value \$0.01 per share, of Sanchez Energy Corporation (the *Registrant*) is set forth under the caption Description of Capital Stock in the prospectus to be filed by the Registrant pursuant to Rule 424(b) under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, which prospectus will constitute a part of the Registrant s Registration Statement on Form S-1, as amended (Registration No. 333-176613), initially filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on September 1, 2011. Such prospectus, in the form in which it is so filed, shall be deemed to be incorporated herein by reference.

Item 2. Exhibits

Pursuant to the Instructions as to Exhibits with respect to Form 8-A, no exhibits are required to be filed because no other securities of the Registrant are registered on The New York Stock Exchange and the securities being registered on this form are not being registered pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 12 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this registration statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

Date: December 9, 2011

SANCHEZ ENERGY CORPORATION

By: /s/ MICHAEL G. LONG Michael G. Long

Senior Vice President, Chief Financial Officer and Secretary