Yuma Energy, Inc. Form 8-K May 05, 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: May 5, 2015 (Date of earliest event reported)

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

CALIFORNIA (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation) 001-32989 (Commission File Number) 94-0787340 (IRS Employer Identification No.)

1177 West Loop South, Suite 1825 Houston, Texas 77027 (Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

(713) 968-7000 (Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

(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:

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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))

Item 8.01. Other Events.

On May 5, 2015, Yuma Energy, Inc. (the "Company") issued a press release announcing the declaration by its Board of Directors of a monthly cash dividend payment on the Company's 9.25% Series A Cumulative Redeemable Preferred Stock (the "Series A Preferred Stock") of \$0.19270833 per share, an annualized 9.25% per share based on the \$25.00 per share stated liquidation preference, accruing from May 1, 2015 through May 31, 2015. The dividend on the Series A Preferred Stock is payable on June 1, 2015, to holders of record at the close of business on May 18, 2015. A copy of the press release is attached to this Current Report on Form 8-K as Exhibit 99.1.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

The following exhibit is filed with this Current Report on Form 8-K:

Exhibit Description No.

99.1 Press Release dated May 5, 2015.

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.

YUMA ENERGY, INC.

By:	/s/ Sam L. Banks
Name:	Sam L. Banks
Title:	President and Chief Executive Officer

Date: May 5, 2015

EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit Description No.

<u>99.1</u> Press Release dated May 5, 2015.