EASTMAN CHEMICAL CO Form 8-K January 10, 2011

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, DC 20549

### FORM 8-K CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15 (d) of the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934

Date of report (Date of earliest event reported): January 4, 2011

#### EASTMAN CHEMICAL COMPANY

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

Delaware 1-12626 62-1539359 (State or Other (Commission File (IRS

Jurisdiction Number) Employer Identification

of Incorporation) No.)

200 South Wilcox Drive, 37662

Kingsport, TN

(Address of Principal Executive (Zip Code)

Offices)

(423) 229-2000

(Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

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 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 5.02(d) -- Election of Director

The Board of Directors of Eastman Chemical Company on January 4, 2011 elected Humberto P. Alfonso as a director. Mr. Alfonso serves in the class of directors for which the current term in office expires at the Company's Annual Meeting of Stockholders in May 2011, and serves as a member of the Audit Committee, the Finance Committee, and the Health, Safety, Environmental and Security Committee of the Board of Directors. The text of the Company's release announcing the election of Mr. Alfonso as a director is filed as Exhibit 99.01 to this Form 8-K and is incorporated herein by this reference.

Item 9.01(d) -- Exhibit

The following exhibit is filed pursuant to Item 9.01(d):

99.01 Text of Public Release by the Company on January 10, 2011 announcing election of Humberto P. Alfonso as a director.

#### **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.

#### EASTMAN CHEMICAL COMPANY

By: /s/ Scott V. King Name: Scott V. King

Title: Vice President, Controller, and Chief

Accounting Officer

Date: January 10, 2011