
**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): March 19, 2018

GULFPORT ENERGY CORPORATION
(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)

000-19514
(Commission
File Number)

73-1521290
(I.R.S. Employer
Identification Number)

3001 Quail Springs Parkway
Oklahoma City, OK
(Address of principal executive offices)

73134
(Zip code)

(405) 252-4600
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Not Applicable
(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2 of this chapter).

Emerging growth company

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

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:

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 - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act
 - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act
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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.***Appointment of Director***

On March 19, 2018, in accordance with the bylaws of Gulfport Energy Corporation (the “Company”), the Board of Directors of the Company (the “Board”) appointed Deborah G. Adams as a member of the Board. As provided in the Company’s bylaws, Ms. Adams will serve until the next Annual Meeting of Stockholders of the Company or until her earlier death, resignation or removal. The Board also appointed Ms. Adams to serve on its audit committee and its compensation committee.

Ms. Adams served as Senior Vice President of Health and Safety, Project and Procurement with Phillips 66 from May 2014 until her retirement in October 2016. From 2008 to May 2014, Ms. Adams served as President of Transportation for Phillips 66 and ConocoPhillips. Prior to this position, Ms. Adams worked as general manager and Chief Procurement Officer for ConocoPhillips beginning in 2005. From 2003 to 2005, Ms. Adams served as general manager, International Refining, for ConocoPhillips. Before this role, Ms. Adams served as general manager, Global Downstream Information Systems following the ConocoPhillips merger in 2002. Ms. Adams began her career in 1983 as a process engineer in the refining division of the Conoco Global Engineering Department before moving through a variety of business development, planning, supply and trading and operations positions. She also served on several of ConocoPhillips’ joint venture boards during her tenure at ConocoPhillips. In addition, Ms. Adams has served on the board of directors of MRC Global Inc. and as a member of its audit committee and its compensation committee since October 2017. Ms. Adams served two full terms on the board of BakerRipley from February 2012 to February 2018 and currently serves as a member of the Foundation Board of Trustees and the Board of Governors for the Oklahoma State University. In 2014, Ms. Adams was inducted into the Oklahoma State University College of Engineering, Architecture and Technology Hall of Fame and in 2015, the Oil and Gas Diversity Council named Ms. Adams to the list of the Top 50 Most Powerful Women in Oil and Gas. Ms. Adams received a Bachelor of Science degree in chemical engineering from Oklahoma State University in 1983.

The equity compensation provided by the Company to all of its non-employee directors includes an annual grant of restricted stock units with an aggregate value of approximately \$125,000. In connection with her appointment to the Board, Ms. Adams received 2,898 restricted stock units under the Company’s 2013 Restated Stock Incentive Plan (the “Plan”), representing a pro-rated portion of the annual non-employee director grant to reflect her service on the Board commencing on March 19, 2018. Consistent with the awards granted to the other non-employee directors, Adams’ restricted stock units will vest on the earlier of June 8, 2018 and the date of the 2018 Annual Meeting of Stockholders of the Company, provided Ms. Adams is in continuous service on such date. Ms. Adams will also receive the cash compensation offered to all of the Company’s non-employee directors for services on the Board and its committees, as disclosed in the Company’s definitive proxy statement on Schedule 14A, filed by the Company with the Securities and Exchange Commission on May 1, 2017.

Item 7.01. Regulation FD Disclosure

On March 21, 2018, the Company issued a press release announcing the matters described in Item 5.02 above. A copy of the press release is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

Number**Exhibit**

99.1 [Press release dated March 21, 2018 entitled “Gulfport Energy Corporation Appoints Deborah G. Adams to its Board of Directors.”](#)

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 thereunto duly authorized.

GULFPORT ENERGY CORPORATION

Date: March 21, 2018

By: /s/ Keri Crowell
Keri Crowell
Chief Financial Officer



Press Release

Gulfport Energy Corporation Appoints Deborah G. Adams to its Board of Directors

OKLAHOMA CITY (March 21, 2018) Gulfport Energy Corporation (NASDAQ: GPOR) (“Gulfport”) today announced that Deborah G. Adams has been appointed to Gulfport’s Board of Directors (the “Board”). Ms. Adams has also been appointed to serve on the Board’s Audit Committee and Compensation Committee.

Ms. Adams served as Senior Vice President of Health and Safety, Projects and Procurement with Phillips 66 from May 2014 until her retirement in October 2016. From 2008 to May 2014, Ms. Adams served as President of Transportation for Phillips 66 and ConocoPhillips. Prior to this position, Ms. Adams worked as general manager and Chief Procurement Officer for ConocoPhillips beginning in 2005. From 2003 to 2005, Ms. Adams served as general manager, International Refining, for ConocoPhillips. Before this role, Ms. Adams served as general manager, Global Downstream Information Systems following the ConocoPhillips merger in 2002. Ms. Adams began her career in 1983 as a process engineer in the refining division of the Conoco Global Engineering Department before moving through a variety of business development, planning, supply and trading and operations positions. She also served on several of ConocoPhillips’ joint venture boards during her tenure at ConocoPhillips. In addition, Ms. Adams has served on the board of directors of MRC Global Inc. and as a member of its audit committee and its compensation committee since October 2017. Ms. Adams served two full terms on the board of BakerRipley from February 2012 to February 2018 and currently serves as a member of the Foundation Board of Trustees and the Board of Governors for the Oklahoma State University. In 2014, Ms. Adams was inducted into the Oklahoma State University College of Engineering, Architecture and Technology Hall of Fame and in 2015, the Oil and Gas Diversity Council named Ms. Adams to the list of the Top 50 Most Powerful Women in Oil and Gas. Ms. Adams received a Bachelor of Science degree in chemical engineering from Oklahoma State University.

Michael G. Moore, Chief Executive Officer and President, commented, “We are delighted to welcome Deborah to Gulfport’s Board. Her deep understanding of the oil and gas industry will be a valuable asset to our Board and we look forward to her contributions.”

About Gulfport

Gulfport Energy is an independent natural gas and oil company focused on the exploration and development of natural gas and oil properties in North America and is one of the largest producers of natural gas in the contiguous United States. Headquartered in Oklahoma City, Gulfport holds significant acreage positions in the Utica Shale of Eastern Ohio and the SCOOP

Woodford and SCOOP Springer plays in Oklahoma. In addition, Gulfport holds an acreage position along the Louisiana Gulf Coast, has an approximately 25% equity interest in Mammoth Energy Services, Inc. (NASDAQ:TUSK) and has a position in the Alberta Oil Sands in Canada through an approximately 25% interest in Grizzly Oil Sands ULC. For more information, please visit www.gulfportenergy.com.

Forward Looking Statements

Certain statements included in this press release are intended as “forward-looking statements.” These statements include assumptions, expectations, predictions, intentions or beliefs about future events, particularly the consummation of the transactions described above. Gulfport cautions that actual future results may vary materially from those expressed or implied in any forward-looking statements. Specifically, Gulfport cannot assure you that the proposed transactions described above will be consummated on the terms Gulfport currently contemplates, if at all. Information concerning these and other factors can be found in Gulfport’s filings with the SEC, including its Forms 10-K, 10-Q and 8-K, which can be obtained free of charge on the SEC’s web site at <http://www.sec.gov>.

Any forward-looking statements made in this press release speak only as of the date of this release and, except as required by law, Gulfport undertakes no obligation to update any forward-looking statement contained in this press release, even if Gulfport’s expectations or any related events, conditions or circumstances change. Gulfport is not responsible for any changes made to this release by wire or Internet services.

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