

STONE ENERGY CORP
Form 8-K
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**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, DC 20549
FORM 8-K
CURRENT REPORT
Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934
August 2, 2006
Date of report (Date of earliest event reported)
STONE ENERGY CORPORATION
(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)**

Delaware	1-12074	72-1235413
(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)	(Commission File Number)	(IRS Employer Identification No.)
625 E. Kaliste Saloom Road Lafayette, Louisiana		70508
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)		(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (337) 237-0410

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))
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Section 2 Financial Information

Item 2.02. Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

On August 2, 2006, we issued a press release with respect to our second quarter results for 2006. The press release is furnished as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K and is incorporated by reference herein. The press release contains a measure (discussed below) that may be deemed a non-GAAP financial measure as defined in Item 10 of Regulation S-K under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the Exchange Act). The most directly comparable generally accepted accounting principle (GAAP) financial measure and information reconciling the GAAP and non-GAAP financial measure is also included in the press release.

In the press release, we refer to a non-GAAP financial measure we call discretionary cash flow. Management believes this measure is a financial indicator of our company's ability to internally fund capital expenditures and service debt. Management also believes this non-GAAP financial measure of cash flow is useful information to investors because it is widely used by professional research analysts in the valuation, comparison, rating and investment recommendations of companies within the oil and gas exploration and production industry. Many investors use the published research of these analysts in making their investment decisions. Discretionary cash flow should not be considered an alternative to net cash provided by operating activities or net income, as defined by GAAP.

In accordance with General Instruction B.2 of Form 8-K, the foregoing information, including Exhibit 99.1, shall not be deemed filed for the purposes of Section 18 of the Exchange Act or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section, nor shall such information and Exhibit be deemed incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933 or the Exchange Act, except as shall be expressly set forth by specific reference in such a filing.

Section 7 Regulation FD

Item 7.01. Regulation FD Disclosure.

The information set forth under Item 2.02 of this Current Report on Form 8-K is hereby incorporated in Item 7.01 by reference.

In accordance with General Instruction B.2 of Form 8-K, the information in this report, including Exhibit 99.1, is being furnished pursuant to Items 2.02 and 7.01 and shall not be deemed filed for the purposes of Section 18 of the Exchange Act or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section, nor shall such information and Exhibit be deemed incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933 or the Exchange Act, except as shall be expressly set forth by specific reference in such a filing.

Section 9 Financial Statements and Exhibits

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits

99.1 Press release dated August 2, 2006, Stone Energy Corporation Announces Second Quarter 2006 Results.

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Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Stone Energy Corporation has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

STONE ENERGY CORPORATION

Date: August 2, 2006

By: /s/ J. Kent Pierret

J. Kent Pierret
Senior Vice President,
Chief Accounting Officer
and Treasurer

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