

Rice Energy Inc.  
Form 8-K  
January 15, 2016

**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): January 13, 2016**

**RICE ENERGY INC.**

**(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)**

**Delaware**  
**(State or Other Jurisdiction**  
  
**of Incorporation)**

**001-36273**  
**(Commission**  
  
**File Number)**  
**400 Woodcliff Drive**

**46-3785773**  
**(I.R.S. Employer**  
  
**Identification No.)**

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**Canonsburg, Pennsylvania 15317**

**(Address of Principal Executive Offices)**

**(Zip Code)**

**(724) 746-6720**

**(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 1.01 Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement.**

On January 13, 2016, Rice Energy Inc. (the Company) entered into a Seventh Amendment (the Seventh Amendment) to its Third Amended and Restated Credit Agreement, among the Company, Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., as administrative agent, and the lenders and other parties thereto (the Credit Agreement). The Seventh Amendment amends the Credit Agreement to, among other things, increase the aggregate notional volume limitations for the Company's hedging arrangements contained in the Credit Agreement for the first eighteen months after any commodity swap agreement or secured firm transportation reimbursement agreement is entered into.

The foregoing description of the Seventh Amendment is a summary only and is qualified in its entirety by reference to the complete text of the Seventh Amendment, a copy of which is attached as Exhibit 10.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K and incorporated herein by reference.

**Item 2.03 Creation of a Direct Financial Obligation or an Obligation under an Off-Balance Sheet Arrangement of a Registrant.**

The information set forth under Item 1.01 concerning the Seventh Amendment is incorporated herein by reference.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

<b>Exhibit No.</b>	<b>Description</b>
10.1	Seventh Amendment to Third Amended and Restated Credit Agreement, dated as of January 13, 2016, among Rice Energy Inc., as borrower, Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., as administrative agent, and the lenders and other parties thereto.

**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.

**RICE ENERGY INC.**

By: /s/ Daniel J. Rice IV  
Daniel J. Rice IV  
Director, Chief Executive Officer

Dated: January 15, 2016

**EXHIBIT INDEX**

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