

Rice Energy Inc.  
Form 8-K  
August 07, 2014

**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): August 1, 2014**

**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)**

**171 Hillpointe Drive, Suite 301**

**Canonsburg, Pennsylvania 15317**

**(Former name or 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:

- ..  Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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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 2.01 Completion of Acquisition or Disposition of Assets.**

On August 1, 2014, Rice Drilling B LLC ( Rice Drilling B ), a wholly owned subsidiary of Rice Energy Inc. completed an acquisition of approximately 22,000 net acres and 12 developed Marcellus wells in western Greene County, Pennsylvania (the Greene County Acquisition ) from Chesapeake Appalachia, L.L.C. and Statoil USA Onshore Properties Inc. (collectively, the Sellers ) pursuant to a purchase and sale agreement, dated as of June 11, 2014 by and among Rice Drilling B and the Sellers (the Purchase Agreement ) for aggregate cash consideration of approximately \$329 million (the Purchase Price ), subject to customary post-closing adjustments. The Purchase Price was funded by cash on hand. The effective date for the Greene County Acquisition is February 1, 2014.

The foregoing description of the Purchase Agreement is a summary only and is qualified in its entirety by reference to the complete text of the Purchase Agreement, which is filed as Exhibit 2.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

**(a) Financial Statements of Business Acquired.**

Financial statements of the acquired business are not included in this Current Report on Form 8-K. Such financial statements will be filed within 71 calendar days after the date on which this Current Report on Form 8-K is required to be filed.

**(b) Pro Forma Financial Information.**

Pro forma financial information relative to the acquired business is not included in this Current Report on Form 8-K. Such pro forma financial information will be filed within 71 calendar days after the date on which this Current Report on Form 8-K is required to be filed.

**(d) Exhibits.**

**Exhibit No.**

**Description**

2.1*	Purchase and Sale Agreement, dated July 11, 2014, by and among Rice Drilling B LLC, Chesapeake Appalachia, L.L.C. and Statoil USA Onshore Properties Inc.
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\* Certain schedules and exhibits to this agreement have been omitted pursuant to Item 601(b)(2) of Regulation S-K. A copy of any omitted schedule or exhibit will be furnished supplementally to the Securities and Exchange Commission upon request.

**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: August 7, 2014

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