PIONEER NATURAL RESOURCES CO Form 8-K August 05, 2011

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 5, 2011

PIONEER NATURAL RESOURCES COMPANY (Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware 1-13245 75-2702753
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation) File Number) Identification No.)

5205 N. O'Connor Blvd., Suite 200,

Irving, Texas

(Address of principal executive offices)

75039

(Zip Code)

(972) 444-9001 (Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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

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Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 8.01. Other Events.

On July 31, 2011, the Rights Agreement dated as of July 20, 2001 (as amended, the "Rights Agreement"), of Pioneer Natural Resources Company (the "Company" or "Pioneer") expired pursuant to its terms, as did the preferred share purchase rights ("Rights") issued pursuant to the Rights Agreement.

An updated description of the capital stock of the Company to reflect the fact that the Rights are no longer outstanding is set forth in Exhibit 99.1 to this Report, which is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits

99.1 -- Description of Capital Stock

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 hereunto duly authorized.

PIONEER NATURAL RESOURCES COMPANY

By: /s/ Frank W.

Hall

Frank W. Hall,

Vice President and Chief Accounting Officer

Dated: August 5, 2011

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Exhibit No. Description

99.1(a) Description of Capital Stock

(a) Filed herewith.