## 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 12, 2013

# SUPERIOR ENERGY SERVICES, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Delaware** (State or other jurisdiction) 001-34037 (Commission File Number) 75-2379388 (IRS Employer Identification No.)

1001 Louisiana Street, Suite 2900, Houston, Texas (Address of principal executive offices) 77002 (Zip Code)

(713) 654-2200 (Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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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.

(e) On August 12, 2013, the Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors (the "Compensation Committee") of Superior Energy Services, Inc. (the "Company") adopted the Annual Incentive Plan (the "Plan"), which formalizes the Company's current annual incentive arrangement with its executive officers and other key employees and also provides for a clawback of annual incentive compensation under certain circumstances. As currently operated, the Compensation Committee will continue to establish the performance goals and target annual bonus amounts under the Plan applicable to participants who are executive officers of the Company, and will determine whether any bonuses will be paid to such participants for a given calendar year.

The Plan includes a clawback policy providing that if an executive officer engages in grossly negligent conduct or intentional misconduct that either (i) requires the Company's financial statements to be restated or (ii) results in an increase of the participant's bonus, then the Compensation Committee may seek recovery for the benefit of the Company of the after-tax portion of the difference between any bonus that was awarded or paid to such participant during the threeyear period following such conduct and the bonus that would have been paid based on the restated financial statements or absent the increase described in part (ii). The clawback policy also specifies that the bonus amounts under the Plan are subject to any clawback policy that the Company may adopt in the future to conform to the requirements of Section 954 of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act. The Company previously implemented a clawback policy applicable to its equity-based awards, thus going forward all of the Company's performance-based awards will be subject to a clawback policy.

The information included herein relating to the Plan is qualified in its entirety by reference to the Plan, a copy of which is filed as Exhibit 10.1 to this Current Report.

#### Item 8.01 Other Events

On August 12, 2013, the Compensation Committee also revised the Company's Executive Stock Ownership Guidelines (the "Guidelines") to increase the ownership requirement applicable to the Company's chief executive officer to six times his annual salary, instead of four times as previously provided. Under the revised Guidelines, Mr. Dunlap will have five years to meet the increased ownership requirement. The revised Guidelines also include a provision requiring the Company's executives to maintain ownership of at least 50% of the net after-tax shares of common stock acquired from the Company pursuant to any equity-based awards received from the Company, unless the executive has met his individual ownership requirement.

#### Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

(d) Exhibits.

Exhibit <u>Number</u>	Description
10.1	Superior Energy Services, Inc. Annual Incentive Plan

#### 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.

#### SUPERIOR ENERGY SERVICES, INC.

By:

/s/ Robert S. Taylor

Robert S. Taylor Executive Vice President, Treasurer and Chief Financial Officer

Dated: August 14, 2013

#### SUPERIOR ENERGY SERVICES, INC. ANNUAL INCENTIVE PLAN

1. <u>Purpose</u>. The purpose of the Superior Energy Services, Inc. Annual Incentive Plan (the "Plan") is to advance the interests of Superior Energy Services, Inc. and its subsidiaries (the "Company") by setting general guidelines pursuant to which annual cash incentive awards ("Bonuses" and each a "Bonus") may be paid to certain designated officers and key employees of the Company.

2. <u>Eligibility</u>. All of the Company's executive officers will participate in the Plan, and their participation will be overseen by the Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors (the "Committee"). Other officers and key employees of the Company are also eligible to participate in the Plan if designated as participants by the Chief Executive Officer of Superior Energy Services, Inc.

**3.** <u>**Performance Criteria.**</u> Bonuses under the Plan will be determined based on the achievement of financial and strategic goals of the Company and/or individual performance during a given calendar year, as may be established by the Committee or the Chief Executive Officer, as applicable.

4. <u>Administration</u>. The Committee will establish the performance goals and target Bonus amounts applicable to participants who are executive officers of the Company, and will determine whether any Bonuses will be paid to such participants for a given calendar year. The Chief Executive Officer will establish the performance goals and target Bonus amounts for other participants, and will determine whether Bonuses will be paid to such participants for a given calendar year.

5. <u>Timing of Bonus Payments</u>. Bonuses shall be paid no earlier than January 1 and no later than March 15 of the year following the year for which the Bonus was earned.

6. <u>Termination of Employment</u>. In order to be eligible to receive a Bonus under the Plan, a participant must be an employee of the Company at the end of the calendar year for which the Bonus is earned, unless otherwise provided in a written agreement between the Company and the participant.

7. <u>Amendment and Termination</u>. The Committee may amend, suspend or terminate all or any portion of the Plan at any time in its sole and absolute discretion.

8. <u>Employee Rights Under the Plan</u>. Nothing in this Plan shall be construed to:

(a) grant any officer or employee of the Company any claim or right to participate in this Plan;

(b) limit in any way the right of the Company to terminate a participant's employment with the Company at any time; or

(c) be evidence of any agreement or understanding, express or implied, that the Company will employ a participant in any particular position or at any particular rate of remuneration.

9. Taxes. Payment of Bonuses will be subject to applicable payroll taxes and withholdings.

10. Forfeiture of Bonus. Each Bonus paid under this Plan is subject to the following provisions:

(a) If a participant engages in grossly negligent conduct or intentional misconduct that either (i) requires the Company's financial statements to be restated or (ii) results in an increase of the participant's Bonus, then the Committee or the Chief Executive Officer, as applicable, after considering the costs and benefits to the Company of doing so, may seek recovery for the benefit of the Company of the after-tax portion of the difference between any Bonus that was awarded or paid to such participant during the three-year period following such conduct and the Bonus that would have been paid based on the restated financial statements or absent the increase described in part (ii). With respect to conduct described in part (i), the three-year period will commence on the date of the first public filing with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission of a report containing the financial statements that are required to be restated.

(b) Each Bonus granted under this Plan shall be subject to any additional clawback policies that the Company may adopt in order to conform to the requirements of Section 954 of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act and any resulting rules issued by the Securities and Exchange Commission or national securities exchanges thereunder.

(c) The Committee or the Chief Executive Officer, as applicable, may, in its or his discretion, require participants to execute appropriate documentation to reflect the Company's recovery rights under this Section 10 and each participant's obligation to return any recoverable Bonus amount to the Company upon demand.

11. <u>No Vested Interest or Right</u>. No participant has any vested interest or right whatsoever under the Plan, and the Company has no obligation to treat participants identically under the Plan.

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