
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 14, 2026

Diversified Energy Company

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

001-41870

41-2283606

(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)

(Commission File Number)

(IRS Employer Identification No.)

1600 Corporate Drive Birmingham, Alabama

35242

(Address of Principal Executive Office)

(Zip Code)

Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code: (205) 408-0909

(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report): Not Applicable

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)
- ☐ Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- ☐ 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))

Securities registered, pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

Title of each class

Trading Symbol(s)

Name of each exchange on which registered

Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share

DEC

New York Stock Exchange

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2 of this chapter)

Emerging Growth Company ☐

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act. ☐

Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure

On August 14, 2026, Diversified Energy Company (the “Company”) issued an RNS announcement, a copy of which is furnished as Exhibit 99.1 hereto and is incorporated into this Item 7.01 by reference. The information in this Item 7.01, including Exhibit 99.1, is being furnished and shall not be deemed “filed” for the purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section, nor shall it be deemed incorporated by reference into any filing made by the Company under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, regardless of any general incorporation language in such filings, except as shall be expressly set forth by specific reference in such a filing.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

(d) Exhibits

Exhibit No.	Description
99.1	RNS Announcement Dated August 14, 2026.
104	Cover Page Interactive Data File (embedded within Inline XBRL document)

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

Diversified Energy Company

August 14, 2026

By: /s/ Benjamin M. Sullivan

Date

Benjamin M. Sullivan

Senior Executive Vice President, Chief Legal and Risk Officer and
Corporate Secretary

Diversified Energy Company (NYSE: DEC, LSE: DEC) (the “Company” or “Diversified”) notes recent media speculation regarding a potential transaction involving the Company.

Diversified has an acquisition strategy driven by discipline, focus, skill, and precision. The Company has made 35 acquisitions totaling over \$7 billion of value since its IPO in 2017. Acquisitions are a core aspect of the Company's strategy, and the Company regularly engages in preliminary discussions with potential counterparties in this regard.

The Company confirms that it has had preliminary discussions concerning a possible acquisition of Birch Resources. Discussions are ongoing and remain at an early stage. No agreement has been reached, and there is no certainty that any transaction will occur, nor as to the terms on which any transaction might proceed.

This announcement contains inside information for the purposes of Article 7 of the UK version of Regulation (EU) No. 596/2014 on Market Abuse ("UK MAR"), as it forms part of the UK domestic law by virtue of the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018.

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Diversified is a leading publicly traded energy company focused on acquiring, operating, and optimizing cash generating energy assets. Through our unique differentiated strategy, we acquire existing, long-life assets and invest in them to improve environmental and operational performance until retiring those assets in a safe and environmentally secure manner. Recognized by ratings agencies and organizations for our sustainability leadership, this solutions-oriented, stewardship approach makes Diversified the ***Right Company at the Right Time*** to responsibly produce energy, deliver reliable free cash flow, and generate shareholder value.

