SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(D) OF THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

Date of report: (date of earliest event reported) November 15, 2011

Blue Dolphin Energy Company (Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware (State or other jurisdiction of Incorporation or organization) 0-15905 (Commission file number)

73-1268729 (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

801 Travis Street, Suite 2100, Houston, Texas 77002 (Address of principal executive offices)

(713) 568-4725 (Issuer's telephone number)

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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- q Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- q Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

ITEM 2.02 RESULTS OF OPERATIONS AND FINANCIAL CONDITION.

On November 15, 2011, Blue Dolphin Energy Company, a Delaware corporation ("Blue Dolphin"), issued a press release reporting its financial results for the three and nine month periods ended September 30, 2011.

ITEM 9.01 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS.

(c) Exhibits

99.1 Blue Dolphin Energy Company Press Release Issued November 15, 2011.

SIGNATURE

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.

Date: November 15, 2011

BLUE DOLPHIN ENERGY COMPANY

By: /s/ IVAR SIEM

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Chairman of the Board, Chief Executive Officer, President, Assistant Treasurer and Secretary

(Principal Executive Officer)

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