

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):

MAY 10, 2024

EMPIRE PETROLEUM CORPORATION
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State or Other Jurisdiction
of Incorporation)

001-16653
(Commission
File Number)

73-1238709
(I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)

2200 S. Utica Place, Suite 150, Tulsa, Oklahoma 74114
(Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (539) 444-8002

(Former name or former 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)
- ☐ 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 \$.001 par value	EP	NYSE American

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. ☐

(b) and (c) As previously reported, on March 12, 2024, Stephen L. Faulkner, Jr. (Larry) informed Empire Petroleum Corporation (the "Company") that he was resigning as Chief Financial Officer and Chief Accounting Officer of the Company effective on March 28, 2024. The Company remains in a search process to identify Mr. Faulkner's successor. On May 10, 2024, the Board of Directors of the Company appointed Michael R. Morrisett, the Company's President and Chief Executive Officer, to temporarily serve as the Company's principal financial officer until the Company hires a replacement principal financial officer.

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.

EMPIRE PETROLEUM CORPORATION

Date: May 13, 2024

By: /s/ Michael R. Morrisett

Michael R. Morrisett
President and Chief Executive Officer

