UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, DC 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):		March 15, 2011; February 16, 2011	
(Exact	High Plains Gas, In name of registrant as specif		r)
Nevada (State on other invisit in of	333-125068 (Commission File Nur		26-3633813
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)	(Commission File Nur	nber)	(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)
·	Southern Drive, Gillette, Wrincipal Executive Offices)		Zip Code)
Registrant's tel	ephone number, including a	rea code: (307)	686-5030
(Former nan	Northern Explorations, ne and former address, if cha		report)
Check the appropriate box below if the registrant under any of the follow		to simultaneously	y satisfy the filing obligation of
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Item 5.02. Departure of Certain Officers or Directors; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensation Arrangements of Certain Officers

On February 16, 2011, the Board of Directors of High Plains Gas, Inc. (the "Company") appointed Brent M. Cook as Chief Executive Officer. Mark D. Hettinger was appointed as Chief Operating Officer and Chairman of the Board of Directors.

Prior to joining High Plains Gas, Inc., Mr. Cook served as CEO and a member of the Board of Directors of Current Energy Partners Corporation, a privately held Delaware Corporation. Current was the acquiring entity of CEP-M Purchase, LLC until it sold its interest for common stock in High Plains Gas, Inc. Previous to Current Energy, Mr. Cook served from October 2004 until August 2009 as a director of Raser Technologies Inc., a publicly traded energy technology company listed on the NYSE ("Raser" NYSE:RZ), and as Raser's Chief Executive Officer from January 2005 until August 2009. From 1996 to 2002, Mr. Cook served in various positions at Headwaters Inc. (NYSE: HW), a large publicly-traded energy technology company, including Chief Executive Officer, President, and Chairman of the Board of Directors. Prior to his joining Headwaters Inc., Mr. Cook was Director of Strategic Accounts, Utah Operations, at PacifiCorp, which operates as a local electric utility in seven western states. Mr. Cook spent 12 years at PacifiCorp with specific expertise in transmission interconnection and power sales agreements. Mr. Cook was also employed from 2002-2005 by AMP Resources, a geothermal power generation company that later sold their projects to ENEL, an Italian power generation company.

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.

	High Plains Gas, Inc.	
Date: March 15, 2011	By:	\s\ Brent M. Cook Name: Brent M. Cook Title: Chief Executive Officer Principal Executive Officer
Date: March 15, 2011	Ву:	\s\ Joe Hettinger Name: Joe Hettinger Title: CFO and Director Principal Financial Officer