

**UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington D.C. 20549

FORM S-8

**REGISTRATION STATEMENT
UNDER
THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933**

WPX Energy, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation or organization)

45-1836028
(I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)

**One Williams Center
Tulsa, Oklahoma 74172**
(Address, including zip code, of principal executive offices)

WPX Energy, Inc. 2011 Employee Stock Purchase Plan, as amended
(Full title of the plan)

**Stephen E. Brilz, Esq.
WPX Energy, Inc.
One Williams Center
Tulsa, Oklahoma 74172
(855) 979-2012**

(Name, address, and telephone number, including area code, of agent for service)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, a smaller reporting company or an emerging growth company. See the definitions of “large accelerated filer,” “accelerated filer,” “smaller reporting company” and “emerging growth company” in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act.

(Check one):

Large accelerated filer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Accelerated filer	<input type="checkbox"/>
Non-accelerated filer	<input type="checkbox"/>	(Do not check if a smaller reporting company)	Smaller reporting company	<input type="checkbox"/>
			Emerging growth company	<input type="checkbox"/>

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 7(a)(2)(B) of the Securities Act.

CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE

Title of securities to be registered	Amount to be registered (1)	Proposed maximum offering price per share (2)	Proposed maximum aggregate offering price (2)	Amount of registration fee
Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share	750,000	\$ 18.46	\$ 13,845,000	1,723.70

- (1) Pursuant to Rule 416(a) under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the “*Securities Act*”), this Registration Statement on Form S-8 also covers any additional shares of WPX Energy, Inc. Common Stock in respect of the securities identified in the above table as a result of any stock dividend, stock split, recapitalization or other similar transaction. The securities to be registered include options and rights to acquire Common Stock.
- (2) Estimated solely for the purpose of calculating the registration fee. This registration fee has been calculated pursuant to Rule 457(c) and 457(h)(1) of the Securities Act based upon the average of the high and low prices of WPX Energy, Inc. Common Stock on May 16, 2018, as reported by the New York Stock Exchange.



GENERAL INSTRUCTION E INFORMATION

This registration statement on Form S-8 is filed by WPX Energy, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the “*Company*”), to register an additional 750,000 shares of the Company’s common stock for issuance under the WPX Energy, Inc. 2011 Employee Stock Purchase Plan, effective as of December 2, 2011, amended as of February 19, 2018 (the “*Plan*”). Accordingly, pursuant to General Instruction E to Form S-8, the Company incorporates by reference the contents of such registration statement on Form S-8 (Registration No. 333-178388), except as otherwise updated or modified by this registration statement.

PART II INFORMATION REQUIRED IN THE SECTION 10(a) PROSPECTUS

Item 3. Incorporation of Certain Documents by Reference.

The following documents, which have heretofore been filed by the Company with the Securities and Exchange Commission (“*SEC*”) pursuant to the Securities Act and pursuant to the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the “*Exchange Act*”), are incorporated by reference herein and shall be deemed to be a part hereof:

- (a) The Company’s Annual Report on Form 10-K filed with the SEC on February 22, 2018;
- (b) All other reports filed by the Company pursuant to Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Exchange Act since the end of the fiscal year covered by the Company’s Form 10-K referred to in (a) above; and
- (c) The description of capital stock provided under the heading “Description of Capital Stock” in the information statement attached as Exhibit 99.1 to the Company’s Registration Statement on Form 10-12B (Registration No. 001-35322) initially filed with the SEC on October 19, 2011, together with any amendment or report filed with the SEC for the purpose of updating such description.

In addition, all documents subsequently filed by the Company with the SEC pursuant to Sections 13(a), 13(c), 14 and 15(d) of the Exchange Act, prior to the filing of a post-effective amendment to this Registration Statement which indicates that all securities offered hereby have been sold or which deregisters all securities remaining unsold, shall be deemed to be incorporated by reference in this Registration Statement and to be a part hereof from the date of filing of such documents. Notwithstanding the foregoing, unless specifically stated to the contrary, none of the information that the Company discloses under Items 2.02 or 7.01 of any Current Report on Form 8-K that it may from time to time furnish to the SEC will be incorporated by reference into, or otherwise included in, this Registration Statement.

Any statement, including financial statements, contained in a document incorporated or deemed to be incorporated by reference herein shall be deemed to be modified or superseded for purposes of this Registration Statement to the extent that a statement contained herein or therein or in any other subsequently filed document which also is or is deemed to be incorporated by reference herein modifies or supersedes such statement. Any such statement so modified or superseded shall not be deemed, except as so modified or superseded, to constitute a part of this Registration Statement.

Item 8. Exhibits.

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4.1	Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation of WPX Energy, Inc. (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.1 to WPX Energy, Inc.’s Current Report on Form 8-K (File No. 001-35322) filed with the SEC on January 6, 2012).
4.2	Amended and Restated Bylaws of WPX Energy, Inc. (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.1 to WPX Energy, Inc.’s Current Report on Form 8-K (File No. 001-35322) filed with the SEC on March 21, 2014).
4.3	Certificate of Amendment of Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation of WPX Energy, Inc. (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.1 to WPX Energy, Inc.’s Current Report on Form 8-K (File No. 001-35322) filed with the SEC on July 14, 2015).
4.4	WPX Energy, Inc. 2011 Employee Stock Purchase Plan, effective as of December 2, 2011, amended as of February 19, 2018 (incorporated by reference to Appendix B to WPX Energy, Inc.’s definitive proxy statement on Schedule 14A (File No. 001-35322) filed with the SEC on March 29, 2018).
4.5	Indenture, dated as of November 14, 2011, between WPX Energy, Inc. and The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A., as trustee (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 4.1 to The Williams Companies, Inc.’s Current report on Form 8-K (File No. 001-04174) filed with the SEC on November 15, 2011).

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4.7	First Supplemental Indenture, dated as of September 8, 2014, between WPX Energy, Inc. and The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A., as trustee (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 4.2 to WPX Energy, Inc.'s Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on September 8, 2014).
4.8	Certificate of Designations for 6.25% Series A Mandatory Convertible Preferred Stock (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 3.1 to WPX Energy, Inc.'s Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on July 22, 2015).
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5.1	Opinion of Stephen E. Brilz, Esq., Vice President and Corporate Secretary of the Company.
23.1	Consent of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm.
23.2	Consent of Independent Petroleum Engineers and Geologists, Netherland, Sewell & Associates, Inc.
24.1	Powers of Attorney (included on signature page).

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act, WPX Energy, Inc. certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form S-8 and has duly caused this Registration Statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of Tulsa, State of Oklahoma, on May 23, 2018.

WPX ENERGY, INC.

By: /s/ Richard E. Muncrief
Name: Richard E. Muncrief
Title: Chief Executive Officer

POWER OF ATTORNEY

We, the undersigned officers and directors of WPX Energy, Inc., do hereby constitute and appoint Dennis C. Cameron and Stephen E. Brilz, and each of them acting alone, our true and lawful attorneys and agents, to do any and all acts and things in our name and on our behalf in our capacities as directors and officers and to execute any and all instruments for us and in our names in the capacities indicated below, which said attorneys and agents may deem necessary or advisable to enable said registrant to comply with the Securities Act of 1933 and any rules, regulations and requirements of the SEC, in connection with this registration statement, including specifically, but without limitation, power and authority to sign for us or any of us in our names in the capacities indicated below, any and all amendments (including post-effective amendments) and supplements hereto and we do hereby ratify and confirm all that said attorneys and agents shall do or cause to be done or have done or caused to be done by virtue hereof.

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act, this Registration Statement has been signed below by the following persons in the capacities and on the dates indicated:

<u>Signature</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Date</u>
<u>/S/ RICHARD E. MUNCRIEF</u> Richard E. Muncrief	Chief Executive Officer, and Director (Principal Executive Officer)	May 23, 2018
<u>/S/ J. KEVIN VANN</u> J. Kevin Vann	Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer (Principal Financial Officer)	May 23, 2018
<u>/S/ STEPHEN L. FAULKNER</u> Stephen L. Faulkner	Controller (Principal Accounting Officer)	May 23, 2018
<u>/S/ JOHN A. CARRIG</u> John A. Carrig	Director	May 23, 2018
<u>/S/ ROBERT K. HERDMAN</u> Robert K. Herdman	Director	May 23, 2018
<u>/S/ KELT KINDICK</u> Kelt Kindick	Director	May 23, 2018
<u>/S/ KARL F. KURZ</u> Karl F. Kurz	Director	May 23, 2018
<u>/S/ HENRY E. LENTZ</u> Henry E. Lentz	Director	May 23, 2018
<u>/S/ GEORGE A. LORCH</u> George A. Lorch	Director	May 23, 2018
<u>/S/ WILLIAM G. LOWRIE</u> William G. Lowrie	Director	May 23, 2018
<u>/S/ KIMBERLY S. LUBEL</u> Kimberly S. Lubel	Director	May 23, 2018
<u>/S/ VALERIE M. WILLIAMS</u> Valerie M. Williams	Director	May 23, 2018
<u>/S/ DAVID F. WORK</u> David F. Work	Director	May 23, 2018



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**WPX Energy, Inc.
3500 One Williams Center
Tulsa, Oklahoma 74172-0135**

May 23, 2018

WPX Energy, Inc.
One Williams Center, Suite 3800
Tulsa, OK 74172

Re: *WPX Energy Inc.*
Registration Statement on Form S-8

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I have examined the Registration Statement on Form S-8 (the “**Registration Statement**”), of WPX Energy, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the “**Company**”), filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the “**Commission**”) pursuant to the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, in connection with the registration of 750,000 shares of the Company’s Common Stock, par value \$.01 per share, (the “**Shares**”), to be issued pursuant to the WPX Energy, Inc. 2011 Employee Stock Purchase Plan, as amended (the “**Plan**”).

In my capacity as counsel, I have examined the actions taken in connection with the issuance of the Shares and related corporate and other records of the Company that I considered appropriate.

On the basis of such examination and consideration of those questions of law I considered relevant, it is my opinion that the Shares have been duly authorized by all necessary corporate action on the part of the Company and, when issued and delivered against payment therefore in accordance with the terms of the Plan, will be validly issued, fully paid and non-assessable.

I consent to the filing of this opinion as an exhibit to the Registration Statement, and further consent to the use of my name wherever appearing in the Registration Statement. In giving such consent, I do not hereby admit that I am acting within the category of persons whose consent is required under Section 7 of the Act or the rules or regulations of the Commission thereunder.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Stephen E. Brilz

Stephen E. Brilz
Vice President and Corporate Secretary
WPX Energy, Inc.

CONSENT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

We consent to the incorporation by reference in the Registration Statement (Form S-8) pertaining to the WPX Energy, Inc. 2011 Employee Stock Purchase Plan, effective as of December 2, 2011, amended as of February 19, 2018, of our report dated February 22, 2018, except for the effects of discontinued operations as discussed in Note 3 and Note 17, as to which the date is May 7, 2018, with respect to the consolidated financial statements and schedule of WPX Energy, Inc. and our report dated February 22, 2018, with respect to the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting of WPX Energy, Inc., included in its Current Report (Form 8-K) for the year ended December 31, 2017, filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

/s/ Ernst & Young LLP
Tulsa, Oklahoma
May 23, 2018

CONSENT OF INDEPENDENT PETROLEUM ENGINEERS AND GEOLOGISTS

We hereby consent to the incorporation by reference of the references to our firm, in the context in which they appear, and of our audit letter as of December 31, 2017, and references thereto, into WPX Energy, Inc.'s Registration Statement on Form S-8 pertaining to the WPX Energy, Inc. 2011 Employee Stock Purchase Plan, as amended effective May 23, 2018.

NETHERLAND, SEWELL & ASSOCIATES, INC.

/s/ C.H. (Scott) Rees III

By: _____
C.H. (Scott) Rees III, P.E.
Chairman and Chief Executive Officer

Dallas, Texas
May 23, 2018

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