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**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549**

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**FORM 8-K**

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**CURRENT REPORT  
Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d)  
of The Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

**Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): January 8, 2021**

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**Devon Energy Corporation**  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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**DELAWARE**  
(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

**001-32318**  
(Commission  
File Number)

**73-1567067**  
(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

**333 W. SHERIDAN AVE.,  
OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA**  
(Address of principal executive offices)

**73102-5015**  
(Zip Code)

**Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (405) 235-3611**

**Not Applicable**  
(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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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))

Title of each class	Trading Symbol(s)	Name of each exchange on which registered
Common Stock, par value \$0.10 per share	DVN	The 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.

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**Item 8.01. Other Events.**

On January 8, 2021, Devon Energy Corporation (the “Company” or “Devon”) registered 83,081 shares (the “Shares”) of its common stock, par value \$0.10 per share (the “Devon Common Stock”), under the Company’s registration statement on Form S-3 (File No. 333-236951) (the “Registration Statement”), as supplemented by a prospectus supplement, dated as of January 8, 2021, filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on January 8, 2021. The Shares are issuable to certain former employees of WPX Energy, Inc. (“WPX”) upon the exercise of certain options to purchase shares of common stock of WPX that were assumed by Devon and converted into options with respect to shares of Devon Common Stock (subject to appropriate adjustments to the number of shares and exercise price) in connection the consummation on January 7, 2021 of the transactions contemplated by the Agreement and Plan of Merger, dated as of September 26, 2020 (the “Merger Agreement”), by and among Devon, East Merger Sub, Inc., a Delaware corporation and wholly-owned, direct, subsidiary of Devon and WPX.

The Company is filing this report to provide the legal opinion as to the validity of the Shares, which opinion is attached hereto as Exhibit 5.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits**

- 5.1 [Opinion of Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP regarding the validity of the Shares.](#)
- 23.1 [Consent of Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP \(included in Exhibit 5.1\).](#)
- 104 Cover Page Interactive Data File (embedded within the Inline XBRL document).

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**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.

Date: January 19, 2021

**DEVON ENERGY CORPORATION**

/s/ Jeffrey L. Ritenour

Jeffrey L. Ritenour

Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

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January 19, 2021

Devon Energy Corporation  
333 West Sheridan Avenue  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73102

Re: Devon Energy Corporation  
Registration Statement on Form S-3

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We have acted as special United States counsel to Devon Energy Corporation, a Delaware corporation (the "Company"), in connection with the offer and sale of up to 83,081 shares (the "Shares") of the Company's common stock, par value \$0.10 per share (the "Common Stock"), issuable under the WPX Energy, Inc. 2013 Incentive Plan, as amended (the "Plan"), to former employees of WPX Energy, Inc., a Delaware corporation ("WPX"), in substitution for outstanding equity awards previously granted by WPX.

On the request of the Company, this opinion is being furnished in accordance with the requirements of Item 601(b)(5) of Regulation S-K under the Securities Act.

In rendering the opinion stated herein, we examined and relied upon the following:

(a) the registration statement on Form S-3 (File No. 333-236951) of the Company relating to Common Stock filed on March 6, 2020, with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission") under the Securities Act of 1933 (the "Securities Act") allowing for delayed offerings pursuant to Rule 415 of the General Rules and Regulations under the Securities Act (the "Rules and Regulations"), including the information deemed to be a part of the registration statement pursuant to Rule 430B of the Rules and Regulations (such registration statement being hereinafter referred to as the "Registration Statement");

(b) the prospectus, dated March 6, 2020 (the "Base Prospectus"), which forms a part of and is included in the Registration Statement;

(c) the prospectus supplement, dated January 8, 2020 (together with the Base Prospectus, the "Prospectus"), relating to the offering of the Shares, in the form filed with the Commission pursuant to Rule 424(b) of the Rules and Regulations;

(d) a copy of the Plan;

(e) an executed copy of a certificate of Edward Highberger, Assistant Secretary of the Company, dated the date hereof (the "Secretary's Certificate");

(f) a copy of the Company's certificate of incorporation, as amended, certified by the Secretary of State of the State of Delaware as of the date hereof, and certified pursuant to the Secretary's Certificate (the "Certificate of Incorporation");

(g) a copy of the bylaws of the Company, as amended and in effect as of the date hereof and certified pursuant to the Secretary's Certificate (the "Bylaws"); and

(h) a copy of certain resolutions adopted by the Board of Directors of the Company, adopted on September 26, 2020 and January 5, 2021, certified pursuant to the Secretary's Certificate.

We have also examined originals or copies, certified or otherwise identified to our satisfaction, of such records of the Company and such agreements, certificates and receipts of public officials, certificates of officers or other representatives of the Company and others, and such other documents as we have deemed necessary or appropriate as a basis for the opinions stated below, including the facts and conclusions set forth in the Secretary's Certificate.

In our examination, we have assumed the genuineness of all signatures, including electronic signatures, the legal capacity and competency of all natural persons, the authenticity of all documents submitted to us as originals, the conformity to original documents of all documents submitted to us as facsimile, electronic, certified or photocopied copies, and the authenticity of the originals of such copies. In making our examination of executed documents, we have assumed that the parties thereto, other than the Company, had the power, corporate or other, to enter into and perform all obligations thereunder and have also assumed the due authorization by all requisite action, corporate or other, and the execution and delivery by such parties of such documents and the validity and binding effect thereof on such parties and the enforceability thereof against such parties. As to any facts relevant to the opinion stated herein that we did not independently establish or verify, we have relied upon statements and representations of officers and other representatives of the Company and others and of public officials.

In rendering the opinion stated herein, we have also assumed that: (i) if issued in physical form, the certificates in the form required under the DGCL (as defined below) representing the Shares will be duly executed by the authorized officers of the Company and duly executed, countersigned and registered by the transfer agent and registrar and will conform to the specimen certificate examined by us evidencing the Shares or, if issued in book-entry form, an appropriate account statement evidencing the Shares credited to the recipient's account maintained with the Company's transfer agent has been issued by the Company's transfer agent; (ii) the issuance of the Shares has been properly recorded in the books and records of the Company, (iii) each award agreement pursuant to which rights to acquire Shares or other awards are granted pursuant to the Plan will be consistent with the Plan and will be duly authorized, executed and delivered by the parties thereto; (iv) the consideration received by the Company for each of the Shares delivered pursuant to the Plan shall not be less than the per share par value of the Shares; and (v) the issuance of the Shares does not violate or conflict with any agreement or instrument binding on the Company (except that we do not make this assumption with respect to the Certificate of Incorporation, the Bylaws or those agreements or instruments expressed to be governed by the laws of the State of New York which are listed in Part II of the Registration Statement or the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2019).

We do not express any opinion with respect to the laws of any jurisdiction other than the General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware (the "DGCL").

Based upon the foregoing and subject to the qualifications and assumptions stated herein, we are of the opinion that the Shares have been duly authorized by all requisite corporate action on the part of the Company under the DGCL and, when issued, delivered and paid for in accordance with the terms of the Plan and the applicable award agreement, the Shares will be validly issued, fully paid and non-assessable.

We hereby consent to the filing of this opinion with the Commission as an exhibit to the Registration Statement. In giving this consent, we do not thereby admit that we are within the category of persons whose consent is required under Section 7 of the Securities Act or the rules and regulations of the Commission promulgated thereunder. This opinion is expressed as of the date hereof unless otherwise expressly stated, and we disclaim any undertaking to advise you of any subsequent changes in the facts stated or assumed herein or of any subsequent changes in the applicable laws.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP

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