

**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): December 15, 2010; December 15, 2010

High Plains Gas, Inc.
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

<u>Nevada</u> (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)	<u>333-125068</u> (Commission File Number)	<u>26-3633813</u> (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)
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<u>3100 Southern Drive, Gillette, Wyoming 82718</u> (Address of Principal Executive Offices)	<u>82718</u> (Zip Code)
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Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (307) 686-5030

Northern Explorations, Ltd.
(Former name and 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:

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- ☐ [] 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))

Item 8.01. Other Events.

On December 15, 2010 High Plains Gas, Inc. (formerly Northern Explorations, Ltd.), (“High Plains Gas” or the “Company”) announced that its Board of Directors approved a one share for each share stock dividend of the Company’s common stock.

Each shareholder of record at the close of business on December 2, 2010 will receive one additional share for every outstanding share held on the record date. The Company’s effective payment date is Thursday, December 16, 2010 and the execution date is Friday, December 17, 2010.

Additionally, a “D” will be placed on the ticker symbol for twenty trading days to indicate a change has taken place. On the twenty-first trading day, the symbol will revert back to the original symbol, NXP.N.

The Company completed the stock dividend because of its recent acquisition of the Marathon Oil Company Fairway Assets previously reported. The Company believes that the stock dividend will create additional liquidity in the market and make High Plains stock more attractive to a broader range of investors.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

99.1 Press Release Dated December 15, 2010

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: December 15, 2010

By: \s\ Mark D. Hettinger
Name: Mark D. Hettinger
Title: CEO and Director
Principal Executive Officer

Date: December 15, 2010

By: \s\ Joe Hettinger
Name: Joe Hettinger
Title: CFO and Director
Principal Financial Officer