

**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):
February 14, 2011 (February 14, 2011)

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>3601 Southern Dr., Gillette, Wyoming</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 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 5.03. Amendments to Articles of Incorporation or Bylaws; Change in Fiscal Year.

On February 14, 2011, the Board of Directors of High Plains Gas, Inc. (“High Plains”) determined that, due to the principles of reverse acquisition accounting, the fiscal year of High Plains should be changed to comport with the fiscal year of its acquired operating subsidiary, High Plains Gas LLC. Accordingly, on February 14, 2011 the Board of High Plains approved a fiscal year-end change from March 31 to December 31, in order to align its fiscal periods with the calendar year.

High Plains will file a Transitional Report on Form 10-K for the nine months ended December 31, 2010, containing audited financial statements for the nine month period, and containing unaudited comparative information for the same period in the prior year. High Plains will then file its quarterly and annual reports for the new fiscal year ending December 31.

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.
(registrant)

Date: February 14, 2011

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

Date: February 14, 2011

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