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**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 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): October 17, 2018

**LAREDO PETROLEUM, INC.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in charter)

**Delaware**

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or  
organization)

**001-35380**

(Commission File Number)

**45-3007926**

(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

**15 W. Sixth Street, Suite 900, Tulsa, Oklahoma**

(Address of principal executive offices)

**74119**

(Zip code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(918) 513-4570**

**Not Applicable**

(Former name or 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:

- 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))

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 5.02. Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.**

On October 17, 2018, Laredo Petroleum, Inc. (the "Company" or "Laredo") announced that its Board of Directors has appointed T. Karen Chandler as Senior Vice President and Chief Operating Officer, a newly created position. The appointment is effective as of October 17, 2018.

Dr. Chandler, 47, joined Laredo in 2012 and has served as Vice President—Operations since 2016. Prior to joining Laredo, she was employed with ExxonMobil for 15 years, performing a variety of managerial and technical functions in drilling, completions and technology development. Dr. Chandler holds a Bachelor of Science in Chemical Engineering from the University of Kentucky, and a Master of Science and Ph.D. in Chemical Engineering from Georgia Institute of Technology.

In connection with the appointment to her new position, the Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors approved a new annual base salary for Dr. Chandler of \$450,000 with a short-term incentive cash target and long-term equity grant target (both as a percentage of her base salary) of 85% and 450%, respectively, effective beginning with her fiscal year 2019 compensation.

**Item 7.01. Regulation FD Disclosure.**

On October 17, 2018, the Company issued a press release announcing the appointment of T. Karen Chandler as Senior Vice President and Chief Operating Officer. A copy of the press release is furnished as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K.

In accordance with General Instruction B.2 of Form 8-K, the press release is deemed to be "furnished" and shall not be deemed "filed" for the purpose of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section, nor shall such information and exhibit be deemed incorporated by reference into any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Exchange Act.

**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(d) *Exhibits.*

<b>Exhibit Number</b>	<b>Description</b>
<a href="#">99.1</a>	<a href="#">Press release dated October 17, 2018 announcing the appointment of T. Karen Chandler as Senior Vice President and Chief Operating Officer.</a>

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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.

**LAREDO PETROLEUM, INC.**

Dated: October 17, 2018

By: /s/ Mark D. Denny  
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Vice President & General Counsel



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### **Laredo Petroleum Names Karen Chandler Senior Vice President and Chief Operating Officer**

**TULSA, OK - October 17, 2018** - Laredo Petroleum, Inc. (NYSE: LPI) ("Laredo" or the "Company") today announced the promotion of T. Karen Chandler to Senior Vice President and Chief Operating Officer. Dr. Chandler joined Laredo in 2012 and has served as Vice President—Operations since 2016.

"We are fortunate to have a leader of Karen's caliber on our team," said Randy A. Foutch, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer. "Karen has been instrumental in improving the efficiency of our operational activities during the last two years, which has been a challenging task as we have worked to optimize our development plan. As we refocus on capital efficiency in 2019, I am confident that Karen's team will continue to deliver its impressive operational performance."

Prior to joining Laredo, Dr. Chandler was employed with ExxonMobil for 15 years, performing a variety of managerial and technical functions in drilling, completions and technology development. Dr. Chandler holds a Bachelor of Science in Chemical Engineering from the University of Kentucky, and a Master of Science and Ph.D. in Chemical Engineering from Georgia Institute of Technology.

#### **About Laredo**

Laredo Petroleum, Inc. is an independent energy company with headquarters in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Laredo's business strategy is focused on the acquisition, exploration and development of oil and natural gas properties, and the transportation of oil and natural gas from such properties, primarily in the Permian Basin in West Texas.

Additional information about Laredo may be found on its website at [www.laredopetro.com](http://www.laredopetro.com).

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