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

FORM 8-K/A

(Amendment No. 3)

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 20, 2012

Blue Dolphin Energy Company

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware (State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation) 0-15905

73-1268729

(Commission File Number) (IRS Employer Identification

No.)

801 Travis Street, Suite 2100 Houston, TX 77002 (Address of principal executive office and zip code)

(713) 568-4725 (Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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

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Explanatory Note

This Amendment No. 3 to Form 8-K further amends the Current Reports on Form 8-K dated February 21, 2012, Amendment No. 1 on Form 8-K dated March 14, 2012 and Amendment No. 2 on Form 8-K dated May 2, 2012 ("Amendment No. 2") filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission by Blue Dolphin Energy Company ("Blue Dolphin") in connection with the February 15, 2012 consummation of the acquisition by Blue Dolphin of Lazarus Energy, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company ("LE"). This Amendment No. 3 is being filed for the purpose of refiling Exhibit 99.1 to Amendment No. 2 to include the audit opinion. No other changes or additions are being made to Amendment No. 2.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

- (d) Exhibits.
- 99.1 Audited Historical LE Balance Sheets at December 31, 2011 and 2010; Historical LE Statements of Operations for the Years Ended December 31, 2011 and 2010; and Notes to Historical LE Financial Statements as of and for the Years Ended December 31, 2011 and 2010.

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SIGNATURE

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: December 20, 2012

Blue Dolphin Energy Company

/s/JONATHAN P. CARROLL Jonathan P. Carroll Chief Executive Officer, President, Assistant Treasurer and Secretary (Principal Executive Officer)

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