

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): March 8, 2016

**PARKER DRILLING COMPANY**

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

**Delaware**

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

**73-0618660**

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

**5 Greenway Plaza, Suite 100, Houston, Texas 77046**

*(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip code)*

**(281) 406-2000**

*(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)*

**Not Applicable**

*(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 (*see* General Instruction A.2. below):

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**Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure.**

Recently our customer on the North Slope of Alaska announced publicly its plans to reduce the number of rigs active at Prudhoe Bay. While both of the Company's Arctic-class drilling rigs in Alaska remain under contract, this will lead to one of the rigs being placed on standby at the end of the current well. The Company does not expect this change in operating status to have a material impact on its financial results.

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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.

Parker Drilling Company

Date: March 8, 2016

By: /s/ Jon-Al Duplantier

Jon-Al Duplantier  
Senior Vice President, Chief Administrative  
Officer  
and General Counsel