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): November 16, 2026

VIPER ENERGY, INC.
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

DE	**001-42807**	**39-2596878**
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)	(Commission File Number)	(IRS Employer Identification Number)
500 West Texas Ave. **Suite 100** **Midland, TX** (Address of principal executive offices)		**79701** (Zip Code)

(432) 221-7400
Registrant's telephone number, including area code

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

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K 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)

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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))

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

Title of each class	**Trading Symbol(s)**	**Name of each exchange on which registered**
Class A Common Stock, $0.000001 Par Value	VNOM	The Nasdaq Stock Market LLC (NASDAQ Global Select Market)

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. ☐

Item 8.01. Other Events.

On November 16, 2026, Viper Energy, Inc. filed a prospectus supplement to its automatic shelf registration statement on Form S-3 (Registration No. 333-289863) with the Securities and Exchange Commission. This Current Report on Form 8-K is being filed solely for the purpose of filing the opinion of Latham & Watkins LLP relating to the legality of the issuance and sale of the securities set forth in the prospectus supplement, which opinion is attached as Exhibit 5.1 hereto.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits

Number	Description
5.1	Opinion of Latham & Watkins LLP.
23.1	Consent of Latham & Watkins LLP (contained in the opinion filed as Exhibit 5.1 hereto).
104	Cover Page Interactive Data File - the cover page XBRL tags are embedded within the Inline XBRL document.

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.

VIPER ENERGY, INC.

Date: November 16, 2026

By: /s/ Teresa L. Dick
Name: Teresa L. Dick
Title: Chief Financial Officer, Executive Vice President and Assistant Secretary

Exhibit 5.1

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Re: Registration Statement on Form S-3 (Registration No. 333-289863); Up to 1,844,165 shares of Class A common stock, par value $0.000001 per share

To the addressee set forth above:

We have acted as special counsel to Viper Energy, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the "***Company***"), in connection with the sale of up to 1,844,165 shares (the "***Shares***") of Class A common stock, par value $0.000001 per share (the "***Class A Common Stock***"), of the Company, by the selling stockholders named in the Prospectus (as defined below). The Shares are included in a registration statement on Form S-3 under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "***Act***"), filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "***Commission***") on August 26, 2025 (Registration No. 333-289863) (the "***Registration Statement***"), a base prospectus, dated August 26, 2025, included in the Registration Statement at the time it originally became effective (the "***Base Prospectus***"), and a prospectus supplement, dated November 16, 2026, filed with the Commission pursuant to Rule 424(b) under the Act (together with the Base Prospectus, the "***Prospectus***"). This opinion is being furnished in connection with the requirements of Item 601(b)(5) of Regulation S-K under the Act, and no opinion is expressed herein as to any matter pertaining to the contents of the Registration Statement or related Prospectus, other than as expressly stated herein with respect to the issue of the Shares.

As such counsel, we have examined such matters of fact and questions of law as we have considered appropriate for purposes of this letter. With your consent, we have relied upon certificates and other assurances of officers of the Company and others as to factual matters without having independently verified such factual matters. We are opining herein as to the General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware, and we express no opinion with respect to any other laws.

LATHAM & WATKINS LLP

Subject to the foregoing and the other matters set forth herein, it is our opinion that, as of the date hereof, when the Shares have been duly registered on the books of the transfer agent and registrar therefor in the name or on behalf of the purchasers, the issue and sale of the Shares have been duly authorized by all necessary corporate action of the Company, and the Shares are validly issued, fully paid and nonassessable. In rendering the foregoing opinion, we have assumed that the Company will comply with all applicable notice requirements regarding uncertificated shares provided in the General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware.

This opinion is for your benefit in connection with the Registration Statement and may be relied upon by you and by persons entitled to rely upon it pursuant to the applicable provisions of the Act. We consent to your filing this opinion as an exhibit to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K dated as of November 16, 2026 and to the reference to our firm in the Prospectus under the heading "Legal Matters." In giving such consent, we do not thereby admit that we are in the category of persons whose consent is required under Section 7 of the Act or the rules and regulations of the Commission thereunder.

Sincerely,

/s/ Latham & Watkins LLP