

U.S. SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 12b-25

NOTIFICATION OF LATE FILING

Commission File Number 000-53473

(Check One):

Form 10-K  Form 20-F  Form 11-K  Form 10-Q  Form 10-D  Form N-SAR  Form N-CSR

For Period Ended: December 31, 2012

- Transition Report on Form 10-K and Form 10-KSB  
 Transition Report on Form 20-F  
 Transition Report on Form 11-K  
 Transition Report on Form 10-Q and Form 10-QSB  
 Transition Report on Form N-SAR

For the Transition Period Ended: \_\_\_\_\_

*Read Attached Instruction Sheet Before Preparing Form. Please Print or Type.*

**Nothing in this form shall be construed to imply that the Commission has verified any information contained herein.**

If the notification relates to a portion of the filing checked above, identify the item(s) to which the notification relates:

**PART I - REGISTRANT INFORMATION**

Full Name of Registrant **Torchlight Energy Resources, Inc.**

Former Name if Applicable \_\_\_\_\_

Address of Principal Executive

Offices (Street and Number) **2007 Enterprise Avenue**

City, State and Zip Code **League City, Texas 77573**

**PART II - RULE 12b-25(b) AND (c)**

If the subject report could not be filed without unreasonable effort or expense and the registrant seeks relief pursuant to Rule 12b-25 (b), the following should be completed. (Check box if appropriate)

- (a) The reasons described in reasonable detail in Part III of this form could not be eliminated without unreasonable effort or expense;
- (b) The subject annual report, semi-annual report, transition report on Form 10-K, 10-KSB, 20-F, 11-K or Form N-SAR, or portion thereof will be filed on or before the 15th calendar day following the prescribed due date; or the subject quarterly report or transition report on Form 10-Q, 10-QSB, or portion thereof will be filed on or before the fifth calendar day following the prescribed due date; and
- (c) The accountant's statement or other exhibit required by Rule 12b-25(c) has been attached if applicable.

**PART III - NARRATIVE**

State below in reasonable detail the reasons why Forms 10-K, 10-KSB, 11-K, 20-F, 10-Q, 10-QSB, N-SAR, or the transition report or portion thereof could not be filed within the prescribed time period. (*Attach extra sheets if needed.*)

The registrant has experienced delays in completing its financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2012, due in part to delays in finalizing its reserves report. As a result, the registrant will be unable to timely file its Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2012 without unreasonable effort and expense.

**PART IV - OTHER INFORMATION**

(1) Name and telephone number of person to contact in regard to this notification

**John Brda**                      **(314)**                      **920-0890**  
(Name)                      (Area Code)                      (Telephone Number)

(2) Have all other periodic reports required under Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30 of the Investment Company Act of 1940 during the preceding 12 months or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such report(s) been filed? If the answer is no, identify report(s).

Yes  No

(3) Is it anticipated that any significant change in results of operations from the corresponding period for the last fiscal year will be reflected by the earnings statements to be included in the subject report or portion thereof?

Yes  No

If so, attach an explanation of the anticipated change, both narratively and quantitatively, and, if appropriate, state the reasons why a reasonable estimate of the results cannot be made.

**Torchlight Energy, Inc.**  
(Name of Registrant as specified in charter)

has caused this notification to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Date April 1, 2013

By /s/ John Brda  
John Brda, President

INSTRUCTION: The form may be signed by an executive officer of the registrant or by any other duly authorized representative. The name and title of the person signing the form shall be typed or printed beneath the signature. If the statement is signed on behalf of the registrant by an authorized representative (other than an executive officer), evidence of the representative's authority to sign on behalf of the registrant shall be filed with the form.

**ATTENTION**

**Intentional misstatements or omissions of fact constitute Federal criminal violations (see 18 U.S.C. 1001).**