

Newton Lehman E III  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
Newton Lehman E III

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
SM Energy Co [SM]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
1775 SHERMAN STREET, SUITE 1200

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
07/01/2011

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)

Sr. VP and Regional Manager

(Street)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

DENVER, CO 80203

(City) (State) (Zip)

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount (A) or (D) Price		
Common Stock; \$.01 Par Value	06/30/2011		J <sup>(1)</sup>		381 A \$ 50.0905	9,178	D
Common Stock; \$.01 Par Value	07/01/2011		M		329 A 29	9,507	D
Common Stock; \$.01 Par Value	07/01/2011		F		87 D \$ 73.82	9,420	D

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**  
*(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)*

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Amount or Number of Shares
Restricted Stock Units	(2)	07/01/2011		M	329	07/01/2011 07/01/2011	Common Stock	329

**Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Newton Lehman E III 1775 SHERMAN STREET SUITE 1200 DENVER, CO 80203			Sr. VP and Regional Manager	

**Signatures**

Karin M. Writer  
(Attorney-In-Fact) 07/06/2011

        Signature of Reporting Person Date

**Explanation of Responses:**

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
- \*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) The reporting person purchased 381 shares of the issuer's common stock on June 30, 2011, through the issuer's Employee Stock Purchase Plan.
- (2) Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of stock. The restricted stock unit grant vests over a three year period, with 1/7th vesting on July 1, 2011, 2/7th vesting on July 1, 2012, and 4/7th vesting on July 1, 2013. The vested shares will be issued to the reporting person on the vesting dates, at which time all restrictions on the vested shares will lapse.

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