PURSELL A WADE

Form 4

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * PURSELL A WADE

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

SM Energy Co [SM]

09/28/2011

(Check all applicable)

(Last)

(First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)

Director X_ Officer (give title

10% Owner

1775 SHERMAN STREET, SUITE

1200

below)

Other (specify below)

(Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

Code V Amount (D) Price

(A)

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6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

(Street)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Applicable Line)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

(I)

(Instr. 4)

Person

DENVER, CO 80203

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

Owned

1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year)

Execution Date, if

(Month/Day/Year)

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect

(D) or Indirect Beneficial Ownership

(Instr. 8)

Following Reported Transaction(s)

(Instr. 3 and 4)

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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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

Conversion or Exercise

3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year)

Execution Date, if

any

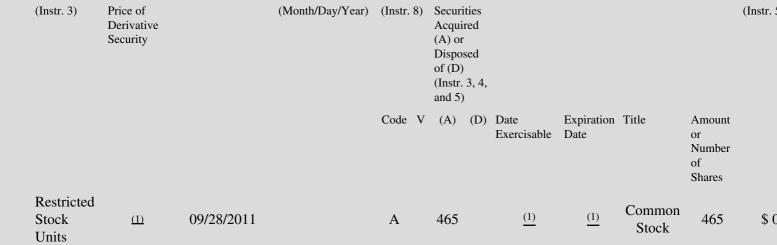
4. 5. Number Transactionof Code

6. Date Exercisable and **Expiration Date** Derivative (Month/Day/Year)

7. Title and Amount of 8. Price **Underlying Securities** Deriva Securit

(Instr. 3 and 4)

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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

PURSELL A WADE 1775 SHERMAN STREET SUITE 1200 DENVER, CO 80203

EVP & CFO

Signatures

Karin M. Writer (Attorney-In-Fact) 09/28/2011

**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).

Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of stock. The restricted stock unit grant vests over a three year (1) period, with 1/7th vesting on July 1, 2012, 2/7th vesting on July 1, 2013, and 4/7th vesting on July 1, 2014. 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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