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(Print or Type I	Responses)										
1. Name and Address of Reporting Person <u>*</u> Vogel Herbert S			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)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction					(Check an applicable)			
1775 SHERMAN STREET, SUITE 1200			(Month/Day/Year) 07/02/2012					Director 10% Owner X Officer (give title Other (specify below) below) Sr VP Portf Dev & Tech Servs			
				f Amendment, Date Original ed(Month/Day/Year)				 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting 			
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(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Tabl	e I - Non-D	erivative	Secur	ities Acq	uired, Disposed of	, or Beneficial	ly Owned	
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Dat (Month/Day/Year)	Executio any	med on Date, if Day/Year)	3. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	(Instr. 3,	ispose 4 and (A) or	d of (D) 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)		
Common Stock; \$.01 Par Value	07/02/2012			M	Amount 848	(D) A	Price (<u>1)</u>	848	D		
Common Stock; \$.01 Par Value	07/02/2012			F	264	D	\$ 48.11	584	D		

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 (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. Transacti Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number orof 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. D Se (I
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Restricted Stock Units	<u>(1)</u>	07/02/2012		М	848	07/02/2012	07/02/2012	Common Stock	848	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
1 0	Director 10% Owner		Officer	Other			
Vogel Herbert S 1775 SHERMAN STREET SUITE 1200 DENVER, CO 80203			Sr VP Portf Dev & Tech Servs				
Signatures							
Karin M. Writer (Attorney-In-Fact)		07/05/2012					
<u>**</u> Signature of Reporting Person		Date					
Explanation of Responses.							

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 2, 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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