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Form 4 July 23, 2012

## FORM 4

#### UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES** 

Form 4 or Form 5 Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, obligations Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section may continue. 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 See Instruction

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*

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2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Symbol

SM Energy Co [SM]

(First) (Middle) (Last)

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

07/23/2012

1775 SHERMAN STREET, SUITE 1200

(Street)

(State)

(Zip)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

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

1. Title of Security (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 3)

DENVER, CO 80203

(City)

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if

(Month/Day/Year)

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 8)

(Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)

Issuer

below)

Person

5. Amount of

Securities

Beneficially

Director

Applicable Line)

X\_ Officer (give title

(A) (Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price

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 Transaction of Derivative Expiration Date Code Securities

6. Date Exercisable and (Month/Day/Year)

7. Title and Amount of 8. Pr **Underlying Securities** (Instr. 3 and 4)

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5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

(Check all applicable)

Sr. VP & Regional Manager

6. Ownership

Form: Direct

(D) or Indirect Beneficial

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

\_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

(I)

(Instr. 4)

below)

10% Owner

Other (specify

7. Nature of

Ownership

(Instr. 4)

Indirect

Estimated average

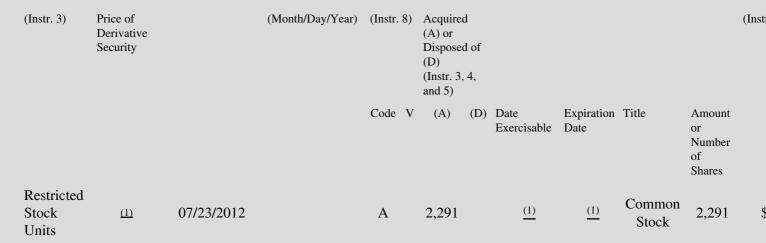
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## **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

MUELLER MARK D 1775 SHERMAN STREET SUITE 1200 DENVER, CO 80203

Sr. VP & Regional Manager

## **Signatures**

Karin M. Writer (Attorney-In-Fact) 07/23/2012

\*\*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 in three equal (1) annual installments beginning 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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