# FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person <sup>*</sup> Whitcomb David J.			2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>SM Energy Co</u> [ SM ]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner
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(Street) DENVER	СО	80203	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (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 Person
(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)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)		
			Code	v	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)		(1150.4)		
Common Stock; \$.01 Par Value	12/30/2016		<b>J</b> <sup>(1)</sup>	V	75	A	\$23.868	46,618	D			
Common Stock; \$.01 Par Value	06/30/2017		<b>J</b> <sup>(2)</sup>	v	203	Α	\$14.05	46,821	D			
Common Stock; \$.01 Par Value	07/03/2017		М		288	Α	(3)	47,109	D			
Common Stock; \$.01 Par Value	07/03/2017		F		93	D	\$16.53	47,016	D			
Common Stock; \$.01 Par Value	07/03/2017		М		477	Α	(4)	47,493	D			
Common Stock; \$.01 Par Value	07/03/2017		F		153	D	\$16.53	47,340	D			
Common Stock; \$.01 Par Value	07/03/2017		М		682	A	(5)	48,022	D			
Common Stock; \$.01 Par Value	07/03/2017		F		219	D	\$16.53	47,803	D			

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		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 Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)		
				Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)		
Restricted Stock Units	(3)	07/03/2017		М			288	(3)	(3)	Common Stock	288	(3)	0	D	
Restricted Stock Units	(4)	07/03/2017		М			477	(4)	(4)	Common Stock	477	(4)	477	D	
Restricted Stock Units	(5)	07/03/2017		М			682	(5)	(5)	Common Stock	682	(5)	1,366	D	

### Explanation of Responses:

1. The reporting person purchased 75 shares of the issuer's common stock on December 30, 2016 through the issuer's Employee Stock Purchase Plan.

2. The reporting person purchased 203 shares of the issuer's common stock on June 30, 2017, through the issuer's Employee Stock Purchase Plan.

3. Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of stock. The restricted stock unit grant vested in three equal annual installments beginning on July 1, 2015. The vested shares were issued to the reporting person on the vesting dates, at which time all restrictions on the vested shares lapsed.

4. Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of stock. The restricted stock unit grant vests in three equal annual installments beginning on July 1, 2016. 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.

5. Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of stock. The restricted stock unit grant vests in three equal annual installments beginning on July 1, 2017. 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.

#### Remarks:

Karin M. Writer (Attorney-In-

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

Fact)

07/06/2017 Date

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

 $^{\ast}$  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).

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