FORM 4

## **UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

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## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Add		ting Person *		2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol SM Energy Co [ SM ] 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)									all applicabl			10% Ow	· I		
(Last) (First) (Middle 1775 SHERMAN STREET					08/02/2017							X	Officer (g below) Sr. V		ional	Other (s below) Manager	pecity		
SUITE 1200					4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)								1	Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)     X Form filed by One Reporting Person					
(Street)  DENVER	CO	80	0203												•	•	ne Reportin	g Person	
(City) (State) (Zip)																			
Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned																			
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)  2. Transa Date (Month/D					2A. Deemed Execution D if any (Month/Day/		ion Date, Transaction Code (Instr.			4. Securities Acquired (A) of Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 a				and 5) Securities Beneficial Following		Form	lirect (I)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership	
								Code	v	Amount	(A) or (D)		Price	Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)				(Instr. 4)	
	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 Dat if any (Month/Day/Ye	Cod	nsaction de (Instr.	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 a Securitie Derivativ 3 and 4)	es Under ve Secur		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number derivative Securities Beneficiall Owned Following Reported Transactio	Owners Form: Direct (l or Indirect) (I) (Instr	Ownership	Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
				Cod	de V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable		xpiration ate	Title		Amount or Number of Shares		(Instr. 4)	JII(S)			
Restricted Stock Units	(1)	08/02/2017		I	A	7,940		(1)		(1)	Comm		7,940	\$0	7,940		D		
Restricted Stock Units	(2)	08/02/2017		I	A	3,327		(2)		(2)	Comm Stock; S Par Va	\$.01	3,327	\$0	3,327		I <sup>(3)</sup>	By husband	

## Explanation of Responses:

- 1. 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 July 1, 2018. 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.
- 2. 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 July 1, 2018. The vested shares will be issued to the reporting person's husband on the vesting dates, at which time all restrictions on the vested shares will lapse.
- 3. The reporting person's husband is also employed by the issuer, purchases the issuers's common stock through the issuer's Employee Stock Purchase Plan, and receives grants of restricted stock units and performance share awards.

## Remarks:

Karin M. Writer (Attorney-In-

08/02/2017

Fact)

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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

- $^{\star}$  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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