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 Address of Reporting Person* <u>Leyendecker Gregory T</u>					2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol SM Energy Co [ SM ]										ationship of F k all applicab Director	le)	Person	10% Ov	wner
(Last) 1775 SHERM	(First)	,	fiddle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 06/30/2010									X	below)	ve title Other (s below) P-Regional Manager		specify		
SUITE 1200					4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)									6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)					
(Street) DENVER	СО	8	80203												Y Form filed by One Reporting Person  Form filed by More than One Reporting Person				g Person
(City)	(State)	) (Z	iip)																
		T	able I - Noı	n-Deri	vativ	e Se	curitie	s Acq	uired, [	Disp	osed o	f, or	Benefi	cially O	vned				
Date				Date	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)		2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)				4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 a				Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)		Form	nership : Direct (D) lirect (I) . 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
								Code	v	Amount		(A) or (D)	Price					(instr. 4)	
Common Stock; \$.01 Par Value 06				06/3	5/30/2010				<b>J</b> <sup>(1)</sup>		386		A	\$29.104	5,601			D	
			Table II - I								sed of, nvertib				ed				
1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security		3A. Deemed Execution Da if any (Month/Day/Y	Co	Transaction Code (Instr.		5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		6. Date Exercisable Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		•	nd 7. Title and Amou Securities Underly Derivative Securit 3 and 4)		erlying	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number derivative Securitie Beneficia Owned Following Reported	e s ally g	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	Beneficial Ownership t (Instr. 4)
				Co	ode	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisab		Expiration Date	Title		Amount or Number of Shares		Transacti (Instr. 4)	ion(s)		
Restricted Stock Units	(2)	07/01/2010			Α		2,297		(2)		(2)		mmon Stock	2,297	\$0	2,29	7	D	

## Explanation of Responses:

- 1. The reporting person purchased 386 shares of the issuer's common stock on June 30, 2010, through the issuer's Employee Stock Purchase Plan.
- 2. Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of stock. The restricted stock unit grant vests over a three year period, with 1/7th vesting on July 1, 2011, 2/7th vesting on the July 1, 2012, and 4/7th vesting 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.

## Remarks:

Karin M. Writer (Attorney-In-

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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