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*  Zubieta Dennis A.							2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol SM Energy Co [ SM ]								5. Relationship of Reporting (Check all applicable) Director			Person(s) to Issuer 10% Owner	
(Last) (First) (Middle) 1775 SHERMAN STREET					3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 08/01/2010									X	Officer (g below) VP-E		Other (sp below) ering & Evaluation		
SUITE 1200						4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)									Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)     X Form filed by One Reporting Person				
(Street) DENVER CO 80			80203													Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			
(City) (State) (Zip)																			
Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned																			
Date								2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)		3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)							Form	lirect (I)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership
						Code	v	Amount		(A) or (D)	Price	(Instr. 3 and				(Instr. 4)			
Common Stock; \$.01 Par Value 08/0									M		433	3 A		(1)	13,233			D	
Common Stock; \$.01 Par Value 08/0							01/2010		F		135		D	\$41.42	13,098			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 Da if any (Month/Day/Y	te, T	Code (Instr.		Derivative		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		•	7. Title and Amour Securities Underly Derivative Security 3 and 4)		erlying	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number derivative Securities Beneficia Owned Following Reported Transacti	e s ally g	Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				c	ode	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisab		xpiration ate	Title		Amount or Number of Shares		(Instr. 4)			
Restricted Stock Units	(1)	08/01/2010			M			433	08/01/201	0 0	8/01/2010		mmon tock	433	\$0	2,592	2	D	

## Explanation of Responses:

1. This transaction represents vesting of restricted stock units. 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 August 1, 2010, 2/7th vesting on August 1, 2011, and 4/7th vesting on August 11, 2012. The vested shares are issued to the reporting person on the vesting dates, at which time all restrictions on the vested shares will lapse.

## Remarks:

<u>Karin M. Writer (Attorney-In-Fact)</u>

08/03/2010

\*\* 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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