

FORM 4

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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 * <u>Knott Kenneth J.</u> (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>1775 SHERMAN STREET</u> <u>SUITE 1200</u> (Street) <u>DENVER</u> <u>CO</u> <u>80203</u> (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>SM Energy Co [SM]</u>	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) <u>VP- Bus Dev & Land & Ass Sec</u>
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>01/03/2011</u>	
4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)		

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) (Instr. 3 and 4)	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			
Common Stock: \$.01 Par Value	01/03/2011		M		442	A	\$13.39	11,037	D	
Common Stock: \$.01 Par Value	01/03/2011		S ⁽¹⁾		442	D	\$60	10,595	D	
Common Stock: \$.01 Par Value	01/03/2011		M		2,806	A	\$14.25	13,401	D	
Common Stock: \$.01 Par Value	01/03/2011		S ⁽¹⁾		2,806	D	\$60	10,595	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	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	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 Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	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
Stock Option (Right-To-Buy)	\$13.39	01/03/2011		M			442	(2)	10/22/2013	Common Stock: \$.01 Par Value	442	\$0	0	D	
Stock Option (Right-To-Buy)	\$14.25	01/03/2011		M			2,806	(3)	12/31/2013	Common Stock: \$.01 Par Value	2,806	\$0	0	D	

Explanation of Responses:

- The sale reported in this Form 4 was affected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 Sales Plan adopted by Kenneth Knott on June 15, 2010.
- The stock option (right-to-buy) vested as follows: 111 shares on 10-22-03, 111 shares on 9-30-04, 110 shares on 9-30-05, and 110 shares on 9-30-06.
- The stock option (right-to-buy) vested as follows: 702 shares on 12-31-03, 702 shares on 9-30-04, 701 shares on 9-30-05, and 701 shares on 9-30-06.

Remarks:

Karin M. Writer (Attorney-In-Fact)01/05/2011

** Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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

* 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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