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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * <u>Zubieta Dennis A.</u> (Last) (First) (Middle) 1775 SHERMAN STREET SUITE 1200 (Street) DENVER CO 80203 (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) X VP-Engineering & Evaluation
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 07/11/2012	
	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	07/11/2012		M		786	A	\$13.65	18,593	D	
Common Stock; \$.01 Par Value	07/11/2012		M		2,400	A	\$13.65	20,993	D	
Common Stock; \$.01 Par Value	07/11/2012		M		2,508	A	\$12.66	23,501	D	
Common Stock; \$.01 Par Value	07/11/2012		M		470	A	\$13.39	23,971	D	
Common Stock; \$.01 Par Value	07/11/2012		M		2,976	A	\$14.25	26,947	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 Options (Right to Buy)	\$13.65	07/11/2012		M			786	(1)	06/30/2013	Common Stock	786	\$0	0	D	
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$13.65	07/11/2012		M			2,400	(2)	06/30/2013	Common Stock	2,400	\$0	0	D	
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$12.66	07/11/2012		M			2,508	(3)	09/30/2013	Common Stock	2,508	\$0	0	D	
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$13.39	07/11/2012		M			470	(4)	10/22/2013	Common Stock	470	\$0	0	D	
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$14.25	07/11/2012		M			2,976	(5)	12/31/2013	Common Stock	2,976	\$0	0	D	

Explanation of Responses:

- The stock options vested as follows: 197 shares on June 30, 2003, 197 shares on September 30, 2003, 196 shares on September 30, 2004, and 196 on September 30, 2005.
- The stock options vested as follows: 600 shares on June 30, 2003, and 600 shares on September 30, 2003, 2004, and 2005.
- The stock options vested in four equal annual installments beginning on September 30, 2003.
- The stock options vested as follows: 118 shares on October 22, 2003, 118 shares on September 30, 2004, 117 shares on September 30, 2005, and 117 shares on September 30, 2006.
- The stock options vested as follows: 744 shares on December 31, 2003, and 744 shares on September 30, 2004, 2005, and 2006.

Remarks:

Karin M. Writer (Attorney-In-Fact)

07/12/2012

** 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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