FORM 4

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## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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Name and Address of Reporting Person*     Whitcomb David J.					2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol SM Energy Co [ SM ]									Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)     Director 10% Owner								
(Last)	(Firs	,	(Middle)		3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 07/02/2013										Officer (givoelow)			Other (s below)	pecify			
(Street) DENVER (City)	ty) (State) (Zip)						If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)									Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)     X Form filed by One Reporting Person     Form filed by More than One Reporting Person						
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Dat				Date	. Transaction Pate Month/Day/Year)		2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year		e, Transaction Di Code (Instr.		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and			nd 5) Securities Beneficial Following		y Owned Form or Inc		Direct (D) irect (I) 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)			
									Code V Amo		Amount	(A) or (D)	Price		Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)							
Common Stock; \$.01 Par Value 07/					02/2013			N	M <sup>(1)</sup>		7,296	A	(1)		40,07	40,078		D				
Common Stock; \$.01 Par Value				07/02/2	/02/2013				F		2,335	D	\$60.6	1	37,74	37,743		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 Date, if any (Month/Day/Yea	4. Transac Code (Ir	ction nstr.			6. Date Exercisable Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)			and	7. Title and Amour Securities Underly Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		g De Se	3. Price of Derivative Security Instr. 5)	9. Number derivative Securities Beneficial Owned Following Reported	e Over Section Ove	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)			
				Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercis	sable		xpiration ate	Title	Amour or Number of Shares	r		Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)						
Performance Share Award	(1)(2)	07/02/2013		A <sup>(1)</sup>		7,296		07/02/2	2013(1)(2)	07	7/02/2013 <sup>(1)(2)</sup>	Common Stock	7,29	5	\$0 <sup>(1)</sup>	7,296	5	D				
Performance Share Award	(1)(2)	07/02/2013		M <sup>(1)</sup>			7,296	07/02/2	2013(1)(2)	07	7/02/2013 <sup>(1)(2)</sup>	Common Stock	7,29	5	<b>\$0</b> <sup>(1)</sup>	0		D				

## Explanation of Responses:

1. On July 2, 2013, the Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors of the issuer determined that 7,296 shares of the issuer's common stock had been earned by the reporting person under the terms of a grant of performance share awards (the "PSAs"), based on the achievement of specific performance criteria that were not tied solely to the market price of the issuer's common stock. The PSAs were granted to the reporting person on July 1, 2010, and represent the right to receive, upon the settlement of the PSAs, the determined number of earned shares of the issuer's common stock based on the achievement of the performance criteria over a three-year performance period (with the determined number of earned shares being within a range of zero to two times the number of PSAs granted on the award date), to the extent that the PSAs have vested under separate employment service vesting provisions.

 $2.\ The\ PSAs\ vested\ 1/7 th\ on\ July\ 1,\ 2011,\ 2/7 ths\ on\ July\ 1,\ 2012,\ and\ 4/7 ths\ on\ July\ 1,\ 2013.$ 

## Remarks:

Karin M. Writer (Attorney-In-Fact) 07/05/2013

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person Date

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

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