## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE 13G

Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

(Amendment No. 3)\*

SM Energy Company (Name of Issuer)

Common Stock (Title of Class of Securities)

> 78454L100 (CUSIP Number)

December 29, 2017 (Date of Event Which Requires Filing of this Statement)

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I NAMES OF REPORTING PERSONS I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NOS. OF ABOVE PERSONS (ENTITIES ONLY) Capital Research Global Investors \*\*
CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)
(a)
SEC USE ONLY
CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION Delaware

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8,668,331

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SOLE VOTING POWER

CUSIP: 78454L100

6 SHARED VOTING POWER NUMBER OF NONE SHARES BENEFICIALL Y OWNED BY 7 SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER EACH REPORTING 8,668,331 PERSON WITH: 8 SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER NONE 9 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON 8.668.331 Beneficial ownership disclaimed pursuant to Rule 13d-4 10 CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES (SEE INSTRUCTIONS) 11 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW 9 7.7% 12 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON (SEE INSTRUCTIONS) ΤA \*\* A division of Capital Research and Management Company (CRMC) CUSIP: 78454L100 Page 2 of 4 <Page> SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, DC 20549 Schedule 13G Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 Amendment No. 3 Name of Issuer: Item 1(a) SM Energy Company Address of Issuer's Principal Executive Offices: Item 1(b) 1775 Sherman Street, Suite 1200 Denver, CO 80203 Item 2(a) Name of Person(s) Filing: Capital Research Global Investors Item 2(b) Address of Principal Business Office or, if none, Residence: 333 South Hope Street Los Angeles, CA 90071 Citizenship: N/A Item 2(c) Item 2(d) Title of Class of Securities: Common Stock CUSIP Number: Item 2(e) 78454L100 If this statement is filed pursuant to sections 240.13d-1(b) Item 3 or 240.13d-2(b) or (c), check whether the person filing is a: An investment adviser in accordance with [X] (e) section 240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(E). Item 4 Ownership Provide the following information regarding the aggregate number and percentage of the class of securities of the issuer

identified in Item 1.

- (a) Amount beneficially owned: (b) Percent of class: (C) Number of shares as to which the person has: Sole power to vote or to direct the vote: (i) (ii) Shared power to vote or to direct the vote: (iii) Sole power to dispose or to direct the disposition of: (iv) Shared power to dispose or to direct the disposition of: See page 2 Capital Research Global Investors divisions of CRMC is deemed to be the beneficial owner of 8,668,331 shares or 7.7% of the 111,624,029 shares believed to be outstanding. Ownership of Five Percent or Less of a Class. If this Item 5 statement is being filed to report the fact that as of the date hereof the reporting person has ceased to be the beneficial CUSIP: 78454L100 Page 3 of 4 <Page> owner of more than five percent of the class of securities, check the following: [ ] Item 6 Ownership of More than Five Percent on Behalf of Another Person: N/A
- Item 7 Identification and Classification of the Subsidiary Which Acquired the Security Being Reported on By the Parent Holding Company or Control Person: N/A
- Item 8  $$\rm Identification$  and Classification of Members of the Group:  $$\rm N/A$$
- Item 9 Notice of Dissolution of Group: N/A
- Item 10 Certification

By signing below, I certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the securities referred to above were acquired and are held in the ordinary course of business and were not acquired and are not held for the purpose of or with the effect of changing or influencing the control of the issuer of the securities and were not acquired and are not held in connection with or as a participant in any transaction having that purpose or effect.

## Signature

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

Date: February 7, 2018

Signature:	/s/ Donald H. Rolfe
Name/Title:	Donald H. Rolfe - Senior Vice President
	and Senior Counsel, Fund Business
	Management Group
	Capital Research and Management Company