

Solomon Mark T  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
Solomon Mark T

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
SM Energy Co [SM]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
1775 SHERMAN ST., SUITE 1200  
  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
03/01/2011

\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
Controller

DENVER, CO 80203

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

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(City) (State) (Zip)

**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  | (D)  | Price   |       |   |  |
| Common Stock; \$0.01 Par Value  | 03/01/2011                           |  | M                              |   | 2,174   | A  | \$ 12.5   | 5,169 | D |  |
| Common Stock; \$0.01 Par Value  | 03/01/2011                           |  | M                              |   | 2,174   | A  | \$ 12.525   | 7,343 | D |  |
| Common Stock; \$0.01 Par Value  | 03/01/2011                           |  | M                              |   | 2,550   | A  | \$ 13.65  | 9,893 | D |  |

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|  |            |   |        |   |                             |        |   |
|--|------------|---|--------|---|-----------------------------|--------|---|
| Common<br>Stock;<br>\$.01 Par<br>Value | 03/01/2011 | M | 1,916  | A | \$ 12.66                    | 11,809 | D |
| Common<br>Stock;<br>\$.01 Par<br>Value | 03/01/2011 | M | 358    | A | \$ 13.39                    | 12,167 | D |
| Common<br>Stock;<br>\$.01 Par<br>Value | 03/01/2011 | M | 2,274  | A | \$ 14.25                    | 14,441 | D |
| Common<br>Stock;<br>\$.01 Par<br>Value | 03/01/2011 | S | 11,446 | D | \$<br>71.5193<br><u>(7)</u> | 2,995  | D |

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

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**  
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

| 1. Title of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | 3. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 5. Number<br>of Derivative<br>Securities<br>Acquired<br>(A) or<br>Disposed of<br>(D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4,<br>and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and<br>Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of<br>Underlying Securities<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of<br>Shares |  |
|---|--|---|---|--------------------------------------|---|--|---|---|--|
|   |  |   |   | Code                                 | V (A) (D)   | Date<br>Exercisable  | Expiration<br>Date  | Title                                     | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of<br>Shares |
| Stock<br>Option<br>(Right to<br>Buy)                | \$ 12.5  | 03/01/2011                              |   | M                                    | 2,174   | <u>(1)</u> 12/31/2012  | Common<br>Stock   | 2,174                                     |  |
| Stock<br>Option<br>(Right to<br>Buy)                | \$ 12.525  | 03/01/2011                              |   | M                                    | 2,174   | <u>(2)</u> 03/31/2013  | Common<br>Stock   | 2,174                                     |  |
|   | \$ 13.65   | 03/01/2011                              |   | M                                    | 2,550   | <u>(3)</u> 06/30/2013  |   | 2,550                                     |  |

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| Stock Option (Right to Buy) |          |            |   |       |            |            |              | Common Stock |  |
|-----------------------------|----------|------------|---|-------|------------|------------|--------------|--------------|--|
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 12.66 | 03/01/2011 | M | 1,916 | <u>(4)</u> | 09/30/2013 | Common Stock | 1,916        |  |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 13.39 | 03/01/2011 | M | 358   | <u>(5)</u> | 10/22/2013 | Common Stock | 358          |  |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 14.25 | 03/01/2011 | M | 2,274 | <u>(6)</u> | 12/31/2013 | Common Stock | 2,274        |  |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                       | Relationships |           |            |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|------------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer    | Other |
| Solomon Mark T<br>1775 SHERMAN ST.<br>SUITE 1200<br>DENVER, CO 80203 |               |           | Controller |       |

## Signatures

Karin M. Writer  
(Attorney-In-Fact) 03/03/2011

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* 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).
- (1) The stock option vested as follows: 544 shares on December 31, 2002, 544 shares on September 30, 2003, and 543 shares on September 30, 2004 and 2005.
- (2) The stock option vested as follows: 544 shares on March 31, 2003, 544 shares on September 30, 2003, and 543 shares on September 30, 2004 and 2005.
- (3) The stock option vested as follows: 638 shares on June 30, 2003, 638 shares on Septmeber 30, 2003, and 637 shares on September 30, 2004 and 2005.
- (4) The stock option vested in four equal annual installments beginning on September 30, 2003.
- (5) The stock option vested as follows: 90 shares on October 22, 2003, 90 shares on September 30, 2004, and 89 shares on September 30, 2005 and 2006.
- (6) The stock option vested as follows: 569 shares on December 31, 2003, 569 shares on September 30, 2004, and 568 shares on September 30, 2005 and 2006.
- (7) The price reflects an average of multiple transaction sale prices ranging from \$71.76 to \$71.34.

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