

Zubieta Dennis A.  
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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 \*  
Zubieta Dennis A.

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 STREET, SUITE 1200  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
07/11/2012

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
VP-Engineering & Evaluation

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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(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	07/11/2012		M	470	A \$ 13.39	23,971	D

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Par Value

Common  
 Stock; \$.01 07/11/2012 M 2,976 A \$ 14.25 26,947 D  
 Par Value

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 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 Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 13.65	07/11/2012		M	786	<sup>(1)</sup> 06/30/2013	Common Stock	786
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 13.65	07/11/2012		M	2,400	<sup>(2)</sup> 06/30/2013	Common Stock	2,400
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 12.66	07/11/2012		M	2,508	<sup>(3)</sup> 09/30/2013	Common Stock	2,508
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 13.39	07/11/2012		M	470	<sup>(4)</sup> 10/22/2013	Common Stock	470
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 14.25	07/11/2012		M	2,976	<sup>(5)</sup> 12/31/2013	Common Stock	2,976

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Zubieta Dennis A. 1775 SHERMAN STREET SUITE 1200 DENVER, CO 80203			VP-Engineering & Evaluation	

## Signatures

Karin M. Writer (Attorney-In-Fact)	07/12/2012
<small>**Signature of Reporting Person</small>	<small>Date</small>

## 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 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.
- (2) The stock options vested as follows: 600 shares on June 30, 2003, and 600 shares on September 30, 2003, 2004, and 2005.
- (3) The stock options vested in four equal annual installments beginning on September 30, 2003.
- (4) 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.
- (5) The stock options vested as follows: 744 shares on December 31, 2003, and 744 shares on September 30, 2004, 2005, and 2006.

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