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## FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

Common

Par Value Common

Stock; \$.01

Stock; \$.01 07/01/2016

07/01/2016

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Vogel Herbert S			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) (		3. Date of Earliest Transaction					••			
1775 SHERMAN STREET, SUITE 1200			(Month/Day/Year) 07/01/2016					Director 10% OwnerX Officer (give title Other (specify below)  EVP - Operations			
(Street) 4. I			4. If Ame	4. If Amendment, Date Original				6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check			
DENVER, CO 80203				Filed(Month/Day/Year)				Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting			
		(T' )						Person			
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Tabl	le I - Non-	Derivative	Secu	rities Acqu	aired, Disposed of	, or Beneficial	ly Owned	
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	e 2A. Deemo Execution any (Month/Da	Date, if	Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securon(A) or D (Instr. 3,	4 and (A) or	ed of (D)	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)	
Common Stock; \$.01 Par Value	06/30/2016			J <u>(1)</u> V	1,024	A	\$ 16.711	22,469	D		
Common Stock; \$.01 Par Value	07/01/2016			M	695	A	(2)	23,164	D		

M

M

808

3,097

<u>(3)</u>

<u>(4)</u>

A

23,972

27,069

D

D

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Par Value						
Common Stock; \$.01 07/01/2016 Par Value	M	1,170	A	<u>(5)</u>	28,239	D
Common Stock; \$.01 07/01/2016 Par Value	F	375	D	\$ 27	27,864	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 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. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	Transaction Derivative Code Securities		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Restricted Stock Units	<u>(2)</u>	07/01/2016		M	695	(2)	(2)	Common Stock	695	
Restricted Stock Units	(3)	07/01/2016		M	808	(3)	(3)	Common Stock	808	
Restricted Stock Units	<u>(4)</u>	07/01/2016		M	3,097	<u>(4)</u>	<u>(4)</u>	Common Stock	3,097	

# **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
1 0	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
Vogel Herbert S 1775 SHERMAN STREET SUITE 1200			EVP - Operations				

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## **Signatures**

Karin M. Writer (Attorney-In-Fact)

07/06/2016

\*\*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 reporting person purchased 1,024 shares of the issuer's common stock on June 30, 2016, through the issuer's Employee Stock Purchase Plan.
- Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of stock. The restricted stock unit grant vested in three equal annual installments beginning on July 1, 2014. The vested shares were issued to the reporting person on the vesting dates, at which time all restrictions on the vested shares lapsed.
- Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of stock. The restricted stock unit grant vests in three equal annual installments beginning on July 1, 2015. The vested shares will be issued to the reporting person on the vesting dates, at which time all restrictions on the vested shares will lapse.
- Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of stock. The restricted stock unit grant vests in three equal (4) annual installments beginning on July 1, 2016. The vested shares will be issued to the reporting person on the vesting dates, at which time all restrictions on the vested shares will lapse.
  - On July 1, 2016, the Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors of the issuer determined that 1,170 shares of the issuer's common stock had been earned by the reporting person under the terms of a grant of performance share units (the "PSUs"), based on the achievement of specific performance criteria that were not tied solely to the market price of the issuer's common stock. The PSUs were granted to the reporting person on July 1, 2013, and represent the right to receive, upon the settlement of the PSUs, the determined
- (5) granted to the reporting person on July 1, 2015, and represent the right to receive, upon the settlement of the PSOs, 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 PSUs granted on the award date), to the extent that the PSUs have vested under separate employment service vesting provisions. The PSUs vested on July 1, 2016.

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