

SM Energy Co  
Form 4  
July 05, 2013

**FORM 4**

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

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF  
SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934,  
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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
Leyendecker Gregory T

(Last) (First) (Middle)

1775 SHERMAN STREET, SUITE  
1200

(Street)

DENVER, CO 80203

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
07/02/2013

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to  
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

Sr. VP &amp; Regional Manager

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check  
Applicable Line)  
\_\_X\_\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person  
\_\_\_\_ Form filed by More than One Reporting  
Person

**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)
Common Stock; \$.01 Par Value	07/02/2013		M <sup>(1)</sup>	12,160 A	44,574	D	
Common Stock; \$.01 Par Value	07/02/2013		F	3,447 D	\$ 60.61 41,127	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. 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. Un
				Code V (A) (D)		Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Ti
Performance Share Award	(1) (2)	07/02/2013		A <sup>(1)</sup>	12,160	07/02/2013 <sup>(1)(2)</sup> 07/02/2013 <sup>(1)(2)</sup>	C
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## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
	Director 10% Owner Officer Other
Leyendecker Gregory T 1775 SHERMAN STREET SUITE 1200 DENVER, CO 80203	Sr. VP & Regional Manager

## Signatures

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

\_\_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).

On July 2, 2013, the Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors of the issuer determined that 12,160 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

(1) 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 1/7th on July 1, 2011, 2/7ths on July 1, 2012, and 4/7ths on July 1, 2013.

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