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FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

| | ddress of Repo | _ | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer | | | |
|-----------------------------|----------------|----------|--|---|--|--|--|
| | | | SM Energy Co [SM] | (Check all applicable) | | | |
| (Last) | (First) | (Middle) | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction | • | | | |
| | | | (Month/Day/Year) | X Director 10% Owner | | | |
| 1775 SHERMAN ST, SUITE 1200 | | | 05/25/2016 | Officer (give title below) Other (specification) | | | |
| | (Street) | | 4. If Amendment, Date Original | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check | | | |
| | | | Filed(Month/Day/Year) | Applicable Line) | | | |
| DENVER, C | CO 80203 | | | _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | | | |
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| 1.Title of | 2. Transaction Date | 2A. Deemed | 3. | 4. Securiti | es Ac | quired | 5. Amount of | 6. | 7. Nature of |
| Security | (Month/Day/Year) | Execution Date, if | Transactio | n(A) or Dis | posed | of (D) | Securities | Ownership | Indirect |
| (Instr. 3) | | any | Code | (Instr. 3, 4 | and 5 | 5) | Beneficially | Form: Direct | Beneficial |
| | | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 8) | | | | Owned | (D) or | Ownership |
| | | | | | | | Following | Indirect (I) | (Instr. 4) |
| | | | | | (4) | | Reported | (Instr. 4) | |
| | | | | | (A) | | Transaction(s) | | |
| | | | Code V | Amount | or (D) | Price | (Instr. 3 and 4) | | |
| Common | | | | | | Ф | | | |
| Stock; \$.01 Par Value | 05/25/2016 | | A(1) | 11,134 | A | \$ 31.89 | 60,479 | D | |
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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)

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| 1. Title of | 2. | 3. Transaction Date | 3A. Deemed | 4. | 5. | 6. Date Exer | cisable and | 7. Title | e and | 8. Price of | 9. Nu |
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| Derivative | Conversion | (Month/Day/Year) | Execution Date, if | Transacti | onNumber | Expiration D | ate | Amou | nt of | Derivative | Deriv |
| Security | or Exercise | | any | Code | of | (Month/Day/ | Year) | Under | lying | Security | Secui |
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| | | | | | | 2 | 2 | | of | | |
| | | | | Code V | (A) (D) | | | | Shares | | |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|--|--|--|
| • | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other | | | |
| SULLIVAN WILLIAM D 1775 SHERMAN ST SUITE 1200 DENVER, CO 80203 | X | | | | | | |

Signatures

Karin M. Writer 05/27/2016 (Attorney-In-Fact) **Signature of Reporting Person

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).

Date

On May 25, 2016, the reporting person was granted 8,468 shares of the issuer's common stock for compensation as a board member. The reporting person was also granted 2,666 shares of the issuer's common stock as compensation for his role as Non-Executive Chairman of the Board of Directors. These shares are restricted stock and will be 100% vested on December 31, 2016.

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