

SM Energy Co  
Form 4  
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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 \*  
**Knott Kenneth J.**

(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)  
**07/01/2013**

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
VP- Land & Asst. Secretary

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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**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	06/28/2013		J <sup>(1)</sup>	360	A \$ 44.38	29,374	D
Common Stock: \$.01 Par Value	07/01/2013		M	853	A <u>(2)</u>	30,227	D
Common Stock: \$.01 Par Value	07/01/2013		F	234	D \$ 59.98	29,993	D
Common Stock: \$.01	07/01/2013		M	268	A <u>(3)</u>	30,261	D

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Par Value

Common Stock: \$.01 07/01/2013 F 74 D \$ 59.98 30,187 D  
Par Value

Common Stock: \$.01 07/01/2013 M 542 A (4) 30,729 D  
Par Value

Common Stock: \$.01 07/01/2013 F 149 D \$ 59.98 30,580 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
Restricted Stock Units	(2)	07/01/2013		M	853	07/01/2013 07/01/2013	Common Stock	853
Restricted Stock Units	(3)	07/01/2013		M	268	07/01/2013 07/01/2013	Common Stock	268
Restricted Stock Units	(4)	07/01/2013		M	542	07/01/2013 07/01/2013	Common Stock	542

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Reporting Owners

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Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Knott Kenneth J.  
1775 SHERMAN STREET  
SUITE 1200  
DENVER, CO 80203

VP- Land & Asst. Secretary

Signatures

Karin M. Writer  
(Attorney-In-Fact) 07/03/2013

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).
- (1) The reporting person purchased 360 shares of the issuer's common stock on June 28, 2013, 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 over a three-year period, with 1/7th vesting on July 1, 2011, 2/7th vesting on July 2, 2012, and 4/7th vesting on July 1, 2013. The vested shares were issued to the reporting person on the vesting dates, at which time all restrictions on the vested shares lapsed.
- (3) Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of stock. The restricted stock unit grant vests over a three-year period, with 1/7th vesting on July 2, 2012, 2/7th vesting on July 1, 2013, and 4/7th vesting on July 1, 2014. 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.
- (4) 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, 2013. 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.

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