

SM Energy Co
Form 4
July 06, 2016

FORM 4

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

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

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
Copeland David W

(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)
07/01/2016

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)

EVP, GC & Corp. Sec.

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
X Form filed by One Reporting Person
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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(A) or Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired 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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock; \$.01 Par Value	06/30/2016		J ⁽¹⁾	V 1,271 A \$ 16.711	73,550	D	
Common Stock; \$.01 Par Value	07/01/2016		M	834 A <u>(2)</u>	74,384	D	
Common Stock; \$.01 Par Value	07/01/2016		F	267 D \$ 27	74,117	D	
Common Stock; \$.01	07/01/2016		M	694 A <u>(3)</u>	74,811	D	

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Par Value

Common Stock; \$.01	07/01/2016	F	222	D	\$ 27	74,589	D
Par Value							

Common Stock; \$.01	07/01/2016	M	1,334	A	(4)	75,923	D
Par Value							

Common Stock; \$.01	07/01/2016	F	427	D	\$ 27	75,496	D
Par Value							

Common Stock; \$.01	07/01/2016	M	1,404	A	(5)	76,900	D
Par Value							

Common Stock; \$.01	07/01/2016	F	449	D	\$ 27	76,451	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. Pr Deriv Secu (Instr			
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Restricted Stock Units	(2)	07/01/2016		M		834		(2)	(2)	Common Stock	834	(3)
Restricted Stock Units	(3)	07/01/2016		M		694		(3)	(3)	Common Stock	694	(3)
Restricted Stock	(4)	07/01/2016		M		1,334		(4)	(4)	Common Stock	1,334	(3)

Units

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Copeland David W 1775 SHERMAN STREET SUITE 1200 DENVER, CO 80203			EVP, GC & Corp. Sec.	

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 1,271 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.
- (2) 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.
- (3) 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, 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.
- (4) On July 1, 2016, the Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors of the issuer determined that 1,404 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 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.
- (5)

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