

Zubieta Dennis A.  
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**FORM 4**

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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 \*  
Zubieta Dennis A.

(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)  
03/03/2011

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-Engineering & Evaluation

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount or Price		
Common Stock; \$.01 Par Value	03/03/2011		M		3,524 A \$ 7.965	17,612	D
Common Stock; \$.01 Par Value	03/03/2011		M		3,524 A \$ 10.595	21,136	D
Common Stock; \$.01 Par Value	03/03/2011		M		3,522 A \$ 10.855	24,658	D

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Common Stock; \$.01 Par Value	03/03/2011	M	3,522	A	\$ 12.03	28,180	D
Common Stock; \$.01 Par Value	03/03/2011	S	14,092	D	\$ 71.25	14,088	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. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 7.965	03/03/2011		M	3,524	<u>(1)</u> 09/30/2011	Common Stock	3,524
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 10.595	03/03/2011		M	3,524	<u>(2)</u> 12/31/2011	Common Stock	3,524
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 10.855	03/03/2011		M	3,522	<u>(3)</u> 03/31/2012	Common Stock	3,522
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 12.03	03/03/2011		M	3,522	<u>(4)</u> 06/30/2012	Common Stock	3,522

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Zubieta Dennis A. 1775 SHERMAN STREET SUITE 1200 DENVER, CO 80203			VP-Engineering & Evaluation	

## Signatures

Karin M. Writer (Attorney-In-Fact)	03/07/2011
<small>**Signature of Reporting Person</small>	<small>Date</small>

## 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 stock option vested in four equal installments on September 30, 2001, 2002, 2003 and 2004.
- (2) The stock option vested as follows: 881 shares on December 31, 2001 and 881 shares on September 30, 2002, 2003, and 2004.
- (3) The stock option vested as follows: 881 shares on March 31, 2002, 881 shares on September 30, 2002, and 880 shares on September 30, 2003 and 2004.
- (4) The stock option vested as follows: 881 shares on June 30, 2002, 881 shares on September 30, 2002, and 880 shares on September 30, 2003 and 2004.

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