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FORM 4

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

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Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section

30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

Pugh Stephen C

SM Energy Co [SM]

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year)

Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify

1775 SHERMAN STREET, SUITE

07/01/2010

below) Sr. VP & Regional Manager

1200

(State)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Applicable Line)

(Street)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

(Instr. 4)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

Person

below)

DENVER, CO 80203

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)

(City)

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if

(Zip)

(Middle)

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial Ownership (T)

(Instr. 4)

(Month/Day/Year)

Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)

Following Reported Transaction(s)

(Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price

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

Conversion or Exercise

3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year)

Execution Date, if any

4. 5. Number Transaction of Derivative Expiration Date Code Securities

(A)

6. Date Exercisable and (Month/Day/Year)

7. Title and Amount of **Underlying Securities** (Instr. 3 and 4)

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(Instr. 3) Price of Derivative Security

(Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Acquired
(A) or

(A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)

Code V (A) (D)

Date Expir Exercisable Date

Expiration Title

or Number of

Amount

Shares

Restricted

Units

Stock (1) 07/01/2010

M 2,182 07/01/2010 07/01/2010

Common Stock 2,182

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer

Other

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1775 SHERMAN STREET SUITE 1200

DENVER, CO 80203

Sr. VP & Regional Manager

Signatures

Karin M. Writer (Attorney-In-Fact)

07/02/2010

**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).

Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of stock. The restricted stock unit grant vests over a three year (1) period, with 1/7th vesting on July 1, 2011, 2/7th vesting on July 1, 2012, and 4/7th vesting on July 1, 2013. The vested shares will be issued to the reporting person on the vesting dates, at which time all the restrictions on the vested shares will lapse.

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