

BEST ANTHONY JAMES  
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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 \*  
**BEST ANTHONY JAMES**

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
**SM Energy Co [SM]**

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
**1775 SHERMAN STREET, SUITE 1200**

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
**07/02/2012**

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
**CEO & President**

(Street)  
**DENVER, CO 80203**

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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(City) (State) (Zip)

**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	06/29/2012		J <sup>(1)</sup>		341 A \$ 41.7435	72,302	D
Common Stock; \$.01 Par Value	07/02/2012		M		3,412 A 21	75,714	D
Common Stock; \$.01 Par Value	07/02/2012		F		1,251 D \$ 48.11	74,463	D

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Common  
Stock;  
\$.01 Par  
Value

07/02/2012	M	1,468	A	(3)	75,931	D
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Common  
Stock;  
\$.01 Par  
Value

07/02/2012	F	605	D	\$ 48.11	75,326	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)

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)	Amount or Number of Shares
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title	
Restricted Stock Units	(2)	07/02/2012		M	3,412	07/02/2012 07/02/2012	Common Stock	3,412
Restricted Stock Units	(3)	07/02/2012		M	1,468	07/02/2012 07/02/2012	Common Stock	1,468

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
BEST ANTHONY JAMES 1775 SHERMAN STREET SUITE 1200 DENVER, CO 80203	X		CEO & President	

