

GARDINER WILLIAM J

Form 4

November 22, 2011

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 *
GARDINER WILLIAM 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)
11/18/2011

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)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
☒ 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 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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock; \$.01 Par Value	11/18/2011		M		13,084	A	\$ 10.595 58,232
Common Stock; \$.01 Par Value	11/18/2011		S ⁽¹⁾		13,084	D	\$ 78.5841 45,148

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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(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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Amount or Number of Shares
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title
Stock Option (Right-to-Buy)	\$ 10.595	11/18/2011		M	13,084	<u>(2)</u>	12/31/2011	Common Stock

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
	Director 10% Owner Officer Other
GARDINER WILLIAM J 1775 SHERMAN STREET SUITE 1200 DENVER, CO 80203	X

Signatures

Karin M. Writer
(Attorney-In-Fact) 11/21/2011

__Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

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(1) The sales reported on this Form 4 were effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 plan adopted by the reporting person on August 12, 2011.

(2) The option vested in four equal installments on December 31, 2001, 2002, 2003, and 2004.

(3) The price reflects an average of multiple transaction prices ranging from \$77.18 to \$80.52.

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