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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * <u>Lytle Patrick A</u>  (Last) (First) (Middle)  1700 LINCOLN STREET SUITE 3200  (Street) DENVER CO 80203  (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>SM Energy Co [ SM ]</u>	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)  Director 10% Owner Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) X VP - Chief Accounting Officer
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 07/03/2023	
	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	Rule 10b5-1(c) Transaction Indication  <input type="checkbox"/> Check this box to indicate that a transaction was made pursuant to a contract, instruction or written plan that is intended to satisfy the affirmative defense conditions of Rule 10b5-1(c). See Instruction 10.

**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	12/30/2022		J <sup>(1)</sup>		249	A	\$28.97	12,712	D	
Common Stock, \$.01 Par Value	06/30/2023		J <sup>(2)</sup>		451	A	\$26.61	13,163	D	
Common Stock, \$.01 Par Value	07/03/2023		M		2,091	A	<sup>(3)</sup>	15,254	D	
Common Stock, \$.01 Par Value	07/03/2023		F		602	D	\$31.63	14,652	D	
Common Stock, \$.01 Par Value	07/03/2023		M		1,503	A	<sup>(4)</sup>	16,155	D	
Common Stock, \$.01 Par Value	07/03/2023		F		433	D	\$31.63	15,722	D	
Common Stock, \$.01 Par Value	07/03/2023		M		1,222	A	<sup>(5)</sup>	16,944	D	
Common Stock, \$.01 Par Value	07/03/2023		F		352	D	\$31.63	16,592	D	

**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 Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date						Amount or Number of Shares
Restricted Stock Units	<sup>(3)</sup>	07/03/2023		M		2,091		<sup>(3)</sup>	<sup>(3)</sup>	Common Stock, \$.01 Par Value	2,091	<sup>(3)</sup>	0	D	
Restricted Stock Units	<sup>(4)</sup>	07/03/2023		M		1,503		<sup>(4)</sup>	<sup>(4)</sup>	Common Stock, \$.01 Par Value	1,503	<sup>(4)</sup>	1,503	D	
Restricted Stock Units	<sup>(5)</sup>	07/03/2023		M		1,222		<sup>(5)</sup>	<sup>(5)</sup>	Common Stock, \$.01 Par Value	1,222	<sup>(5)</sup>	2,446	D	

**Explanation of Responses:**

- The Reporting Person purchased 249 shares of the Issuer's common stock on December 30, 2022, through the Issuer's Employee Stock Purchase Plan.
- The Reporting Person purchased 451 shares of the Issuer's common stock on June 30, 2023, 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 installments on December 14, 2021, July 1, 2022 and July 1, 2023. The vested shares were issued to the Reporting Person on the vesting dates, at which time all restrictions on the vested shares lapsed.
- 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, 2022. 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.
- 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, 2023. 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.

**Remarks:**

Andrew T. Fiske (Attorney-in-Fact) 07/06/2023  
 \*\* Signature of Reporting Person Date

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

\* 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).

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