FORM 4

# **UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

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## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

affirmative defe 10b5-1(c). See	ense conditions of Rule Instruction 10.			
1. Name and Add <u>Lutey Mary</u>	ress of Reporting Per Ellen	son*	2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol SM Energy Co [ SM ]	Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer     (Check all applicable)     Director 10% Owner
(Last) 1700 LINCOL	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 07/24/2023	X Officer (give title Other (specify below) SVP - Expl., Development & EHS
SUITE 3200  (Street)			If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)     X Form filed by One Reporting Person
DENVER	СО	80203		Form filed by More than One Reporting Person
(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. Transac Code (In 8)		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported	Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	Beneficial Ownership
			Code	v	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)		(Instr. 4)

## 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. Transac Code (In 8)		Derivative		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	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)		
Restricted Stock Units	(1)	07/24/2023		A		11,856		(1)	(1)	Common Stock, \$.01 Par Value	11,856	\$0	11,856	D	
Restricted Stock Units	(2)	07/24/2023		A		3,952		(2)	(2)	Common Stock, \$.01 Par Value	3,952	\$0	3,952	I <sup>(3)</sup>	By Spouse

## **Explanation of Responses:**

- 1. 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, 2024. 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
- 2. 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, 2024. The vested shares will be issued to the Reporting Person's spouse on the vesting dates, at which time all restrictions on the vested shares will lapse.
- 3. The Reporting Person's spouse is also employed by the Issuer and is eligible to earn grants of restricted stock units.

### Remarks:

Andrew T. Fiske (Attorney-in-07/24/2023

Fact)

\*\* 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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