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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person <u>*</u> LEIKER LOREN M		2. Date of Event Requiring Statement(Month/Day/Year)		3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol SM Energy Co [SM]					
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	07/16/2012		4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer		5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)		
1775 SHER	MAN								
STREET, SUITE 1200					(Check all applicable)				
DENVER,Â	(Street)	13			X Director Officer (give title below	Other		6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person	
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(City)	(State)	(Zip)		Table I - N	lon-Derivat	ive Securiti	es Be	neficially Owned	
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Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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/Day/Year)	Derivative Security	or Exercise	Form of	Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Title	Derivative Security	Security: Direct (D)	
		Day/Year) Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	Day/Year) Derivative Security or Exercise (Instr. 4) Price of Derivative	(Instr. 4) Price of Derivative Security: Title

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Date	Expiration	Amount or	or Indirect
Exercisable	Date	Number of	(I)
		Shares	(Instr. 5)

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships				
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other	
LEIKER LOREN M 1775 SHERMAN STREET SUITE 1200 DENVER, CO 80203	ÂX	Â	Â	Â	
Signatures					
Karin M. Writer (Attorney-In-Fact)	(07/18/2012			
<u>**</u> Signature of Reporting Person		Date			

Explanation of Responses:

If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(b)(v).

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(Instr. 5)9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)

(Instr. 4)10. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I)

(Instr. 4)11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership

(Instr. 4)CodeV(A)(D)Date ExercisableExpiration DateTitleAmount or Number of Shares

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
Benson Thomas M 39400 WOODWARD AVENUE SUITE 130 BLOOMFIELD HILLS, MI 48304			President Cequent Performance			
Signatures						

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/s/ Paula Reno	03/05/2013
attorney-in-fact	05/05/2015

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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- (1) Restricted shares of common stock granted March 1, 2013 under the 2011 Omnibus Incentive Compensation Plan ("2011 Plan"), restrictions lapse on March 1, 2014.
- (2) Restricted shares of common stock granted March 1, 2013 under the 2011 Plan, restrictions lapse as to one-third of the number of shares on each anniversary of the date of the grant.
- (3) Shares of common stock granted in settlement of performance stock units granted March 1, 2012 under the 2011 Plan, payable only in shares of common stock, based on specified performance goals achieved at December 31, 2012.

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