

Ottoson Javan D  
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# FORM 4

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
Ottoson Javan D

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)  
08/01/2011

\_\_\_\_ Director  
 Officer (give title below)  
\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
Exec VP & COO

(Street)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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DENVER, CO 80203

(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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)		
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price		
Common Stock, \$.01 Par Value	08/01/2011		M <sup>(1)</sup>		10,257	A	Ⓛ	28,391	D
Common Stock, \$.01 Par Value	08/01/2011		F		4,068	D	\$ 75.56	24,323	D
Common Stock, \$.01 Par Value	08/01/2011		M		3,214	A	Ⓛ	27,537	D
Common Stock, \$.01	08/01/2011		F		1,320	D	\$ 75.56	26,217	D



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vested and was settled in accordance with its terms on 08/01/2011.

Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of stock. The restricted stock unit grants vests as follows:

- (2) 1,608 shares on 8/1/10, 3,214 shares on 8/1/11 and 6,428 shares on 8/1/12. 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.

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