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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 Copeland David W

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)
 07/02/2018

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)

EVP and General Counsel

(Street)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V Amount (A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock; \$.01 Par Value	06/29/2018		J ⁽¹⁾	V 1,132 A \$ 18.768	91,894	D	
Common Stock; \$.01 Par Value	07/02/2018		M	1,335 A <u>(2)</u>	93,229	D	
Common Stock; \$.01 Par Value	07/02/2018		F	387 D \$ 25.69	92,842	D	
Common Stock; \$.01	07/02/2018		M	1,558 A <u>(3)</u>	94,400	D	

Par Value							
Common Stock; \$.01 Par Value	07/02/2018	F	452	D	\$ 25.69	93,948	D
Common Stock; \$.01 Par Value	07/02/2018	M	3,529	A	(4)	97,477	D
Common Stock; \$.01 Par Value	07/02/2018	F	1,023	D	\$ 25.69	96,454	D

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

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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 Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Pr Deriv Secur (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Restricted Stock Units	(2)	07/02/2018		M	1,335	(2)	(2)	Common Stock	1,335
Restricted Stock Units	(3)	07/02/2018		M	1,558	(3)	(3)	Common Stock	1,558
Restricted Stock Units	(4)	07/02/2018		M	3,529	(4)	(4)	Common Stock	3,529

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other

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EVP and General Counsel

Signatures

Karin M. Writer
(Attorney-In-Fact)

07/05/2018

__Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * 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).
- (1) The reporting person purchased 1,132 shares of the issuer's common stock on June 29, 2018, 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 annual installments beginning on July 1, 2016. The vested shares were issued to the reporting person on the vesting dates, at which time all restrictions on the vested shares lapsed.
 - (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, 2017. 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.
 - (3) 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, 2018. 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.
 - (4) 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, 2018. 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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