## Edgar Filing: MUELLER MARK D - Form 4

| MUELLER                                | MARK D                  |  |                                |                    |                       |  |   |                                 |                        |  |
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| Form 4                                 |                         |  |                                |                    |                       |  |   |                                 |                        |  |
| July 14, 201                           | 11                      |  |                                |                    |                       |  |   |                                 |                        |  |
| FORM                                   | ЛД                      |  |                                |                    |                       |  |   |                                 | PPROVAL                |  |
|  | UNITED                  | STATES   |                                | RITIES A           |                       |  | E COMMISSION  | OMB<br>Number:                  | 3235-0287              |  |
| Check t                                |                         |  |                                |                    |                       |  |   | Expires:                        | January 31,            |  |
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| Section<br>Form 4                      |                         |  |                                | SECU               | XIIIE3                |  |   | burden hou                      |                        |  |
| Form 5                                 |                         | rsuant to Se                                       | ection                         | 16(a) of th        | ne Secur              | ities Excha                                      | inge Act of 1934,   | response                        | . 0.5                  |  |
| obligati                               | ons Section 170         |  |                                |                    |                       |  | t of 1935 or Sectio   | on                              |                        |  |
| may con<br><i>See</i> Inst<br>1(b).    | nunue.                  |  |                                | •                  | •                     | ny Act of 1                                      |   |                                 |                        |  |
| (Print or Type                         | Responses)              |  |                                |                    |                       |  |   |                                 |                        |  |
|  |                         |  |                                |                    |                       |  |   |                                 |                        |  |
| 1. Name and MUELLE                     |                         | 2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol |                                |                    |                       | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer |   |                                 |                        |  |
|  |                         |  | SM En                          | ergy Co [          | SM]                   |  | (Chaola all and include)  |                                 |                        |  |
| (Last)                                 |                         |  |                                |                    | l                     | (Check all applicable)                           |   |                                 |                        |  |
|  |                         |  | (Month/Day/Year)               |                    |                       | Director   |   | % Owner                         |                        |  |
|  | RMAN STREET,            | SUITE  | 07/12/2                        | 2011               |                       |  | X Officer (giv<br>below)  | e title Oth<br>below)           | ner (specify           |  |
| 1200                                   |                         |  |                                |                    |                       |  | · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·   | & Regional Mai                  | nager                  |  |
| (Street)                               |                         |  | 4. If Amendment, Date Original |                    |                       | al   | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check   |                                 |                        |  |
|  |                         |  | Filed(Month/Day/Year)          |                    |                       | Applicable Line)                                 |   |                                 |                        |  |
| DENVER,                                | CO 80203                |  |                                |                    |                       |  | _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person<br>Form filed by More than One Reporting<br>Person |                                 |                        |  |
| $(\mathbf{C};\mathbf{t}_{\mathbf{r}})$ | (Ct-t-)                 | (7:)   |                                |                    |                       |  |   |                                 |                        |  |
| (City)                                 | (State)                 | (Zip)  | Tab                            | ole I - Non-l      | Derivative            | e Securities A                                   | Acquired, Disposed o  | of, or Beneficia                | lly Owned              |  |
| 1.Title of                             | 2. Transaction Date     |  |                                | 3.                 | 4. Securi             |  |   | 6. Ownership                    | 7. Nature of           |  |
| Security<br>(Instr. 3)                 | (Month/Day/Year)        | Execution I<br>any                                 | Date, if                       | Transactic<br>Code | nAcquirec<br>Disposed |  |   | Form: Direct<br>(D) or Indirect | Indirect<br>Beneficial |  |
| (1130.5)                               |                         | (Month/Day   | y/Year)                        | (Instr. 8)         | -                     |  | •   | (I)                             | Ownership              |  |
|  |                         |  |                                |                    |                       |  | Following   | (Instr. 4)                      | (Instr. 4)             |  |
|  |                         |  |                                |                    |                       | (A)  | Reported<br>Transaction(s)  |                                 |                        |  |
|  |                         |  |                                |                    |                       | or   | (Instr. 3 and 4)  |                                 |                        |  |
|  |                         |  |                                | Code V             | Amount                | (D) Price  |   |                                 |                        |  |
| Reminder: Re                           | port on a separate line | e for each cla                                     | ss of sec                      | urities bene       | ficially ow           | ned directly                                     | or indirectly.  |                                 |                        |  |
|  |                         |  |                                |                    |                       |  | spond to the colled   |                                 | SEC 1474               |  |
|  |                         |  |                                |                    |                       |  | tained in this form   |                                 | (9-02)                 |  |
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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 | 2.          | 3. Transaction Date | 3A. Deemed         | 4.         | 5. Number       | 6. Date Exercisable and | 7. Title and Amount of | 8. Pr |
|-------------|-------------|---------------------|--------------------|------------|-----------------|-------------------------|------------------------|-------|
| Derivative  | Conversion  | (Month/Day/Year)    | Execution Date, if | Transactio | onof Derivative | Expiration Date         | Underlying Securities  | Deriv |
| Security    | or Exercise |                     | any                | Code       | Securities      | (Month/Day/Year)        | (Instr. 3 and 4)       | Secu  |

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| (Instr. 3)                   | Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security |            | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 3 |   | Acquired<br>(A) or<br>Disposed<br>(D)<br>(Instr. 3,<br>and 5) | d of |                     |                    |                 |  | (Inst |
|------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------|------------------|-----------|---|---|------|---------------------|--------------------|-----------------|--|-------|
|                              |                                    |            |                  | Code      | V | (A)   | (D)  | Date<br>Exercisable | Expiration<br>Date | Title           | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of<br>Shares |       |
| Restricted<br>Stock<br>Units | <u>(1)</u>                         | 07/12/2011 |                  | А         |   | 1,147   |      | <u>(1)</u>          | <u>(1)</u>         | Common<br>Stock | 1,147                                  | S     |

## **Reporting Owners**

| Reporting Owner Name / Address  | Relationships |           |                           |       |  |  |  |  |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------------------------|-------|--|--|--|--|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                   | Other |  |  |  |  |
| MUELLER MARK D<br>1775 SHERMAN STREET<br>SUITE 1200<br>DENVER, CO 80203 |               |           | Sr. VP & Regional Manager |       |  |  |  |  |
| Signatures  |               |           |                           |       |  |  |  |  |
| C. Mark Brannum<br>(Attorney-In-Fact)                                   |               | 07/14/201 | 1                         |       |  |  |  |  |
| **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).

Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of stock. The restricted stock unit grant vests over a three year(1) period, with 1/7th vesting on July 1, 2012, 2/7th vesting on July 1, 2013, and 4/7th vesting on July 1, 2014. 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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