

US ENERGY CORP  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
**LARSEN KEITH G**

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
**877 NORTH 8TH WEST**  
  
(Street)

**RIVERTON, WY 82501**

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
**US ENERGY CORP [USEG]**

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
**01/02/2008**

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
**CHAIRMAN & CEO**

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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**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		
U.S. Energy Common Stock	01/02/2008		J <sup>(1)</sup>		5,000	A	\$ 0 249,335	D <sup>(2)</sup>	
U.S. Energy Common Stock	01/02/2008		J <sup>(3)</sup>		175,000	D	\$ 0 125,556	I	By Corporation
U.S. Energy Common Stock	01/02/2008		J <sup>(4)</sup>		125,556	D	\$ 0 0	I	By Corporation

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U.S. Energy Common Stock	60,041	I <sup>(5)</sup>	By ESOP
U.S. Energy Common Stock	106,170	I <sup>(6)</sup>	By Immediate Family
U.S. Energy Common Stock	155,811	I <sup>(7)</sup>	By Trust

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. D	
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Option 7 (RTB)	\$ 4.97					01/01/2008 07/26/2017	U.S. Energy Common Stock	150,000	
Employee Option 2 (Right to Buy)	\$ 2.4					01/10/2001 01/09/2011	U.S. Energy Common Stock	267,734	
Employee Option 3 (Right to Buy)	\$ 3.9					12/07/2001 12/06/2011	U.S. Energy Common Stock	100,000	
	\$ 2.25					08/08/2002 12/07/2011		52,556	

Employee Option 4 (Right to Buy)					U.S. Energy Common Stock	
Employee Option 5 (Right to Buy)	\$ 2.46		07/01/2004	06/30/2014	U.S. Energy Common Stock	59,350
Employee Option 6 (Right to Buy)	\$ 3.86		10/14/2005	10/13/2015	U.S. Energy Common Stock	100,000

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
LARSEN KEITH G 877 NORTH 8TH WEST RIVERTON, WY 82501	X		CHAIRMAN & CEO	

## Signatures

/s/ LARSEN,  
KEITH G

01/02/2008

\*\*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) Shares issued to the Reporting Person under the USEG 2001 Stock Compensation Plan. The issuance of these shares is for the funding obligation under the plan for the first quarter of the calendar year ending December 31, 2008. The Issuer has agreed under the terms of the Plan to pay all taxes due. The Reporting Person has agreed not to sell these shares to the market or pledge them on obligations until after his (i) retirement; (ii) total disability or (iii) in the case of the death of the Reporting Person his estate may sell the shares of stock.
  - (2) Includes 249,335 shares held directly by the Reporting Person.
  - (3) 175,000 shares held by Sutter Gold Mining Co., Inc. were released to USE for satisfaction of debt. An additional 50,000 shares which were to be converted to USE shares from the USE/Crested Corp. merger have also been released to USE for satisfaction of debt
  - (4) Shares held by Plateau Resources were returned to USE and cancelled as Treasury Shares.
  - (5) Includes shares held in the U.S. Energy Corp. Employee Stock Ownership Plan (the 'ESOP') in an account established for the benefit of the Reporting Person.
  - (6) Includes a balance of shares held in ESOP accounts established to benefit members of the Reporting Persons 'Immediate Family', as that term is defined in Rule 16a-1(e), in accordance with Rule 16a-8(b)(2).
  - (7) Shares issued to be held in the ESOP which are not allocated to accounts established for the benefit of specific plan participants. The Reporting Person, as an ESOP Trustee, exercises the voting powers with respect to such unallocated shares.
  - (8) Stock options granted under the Issuer's 2001 Incentive Stock Option Plan with a 5 year vesting schedule and exempt under Rule 16b-3.
  - (9) Includes stock options granted under the Issuer's 1998 Incentive Stock Option Plan and exempt under Rule 16b-3.

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**(10)** Includes stock options granted under the Issuer's 2001 Incentive Stock Option Plan and exempt under Rule 16b-3.

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