

US ENERGY CORP  
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**FORM 4**

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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 N 8TH ST W  
(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)  
01/02/2009

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)  
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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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
|                                 |                                      |  |                                | (A) or (D) Code V Amount (D) Price                                |   |  |                                   |
| Common Stock                    | 01/02/2009                           |  | A <sup>(1)</sup>               | 5,000 A \$ 0  | 269,335   | D <sup>(2)</sup>   |                                   |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 65,853  | I <sup>(3)</sup>   | By Esop                           |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 120,700   | I <sup>(4)</sup>   | By Immediate Family               |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 466,513   | I <sup>(5)</sup>   | Family 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. P Der Sec (Ins |                            |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|-------------------|----------------------------|
|  |  |                                      |  | Code                           | V (A) (D)   | Date Exercisable   | Expiration Date   | Title             | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy)                | \$ 2.52  |                                      |  |                                |   | 09/22/2009   | 09/21/2018  | Common Stock      | 75,000                     |
| Stock Options (Right to Buy)               | \$ 2.4   |                                      |  |                                |   | 01/10/2001   | 01/09/2011  | Common Stock      | 267,734                    |
| Stock Options (Right to Buy)               | \$ 3.9   |                                      |  |                                |   | 12/07/2001   | 12/06/2011  | Common Stock      | 100,000                    |
| Stock Options (Right to Buy)               | \$ 2.25  |                                      |  |                                |   | 08/08/2002   | 12/07/2011  | Common Stock      | 52,556                     |
| Stock Options (Right to Buy)               | \$ 2.46  |                                      |  |                                |   | 07/01/2004   | 06/30/2014  | Common Stock      | 59,350                     |
| Stock Options (Right to Buy)               | \$ 3.86  |                                      |  |                                |   | 10/14/2005   | 10/13/2015  | Common Stock      | 100,000                    |
| Stock Options (Right to Buy)               | \$ 4.97  |                                      |  |                                |   | 01/01/2008   | 07/26/2017  | Common Stock      | 150,000                    |

Buy)

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                         | Relationships |           |                |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|----------------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer        | Other |
| LARSEN KEITH G<br>877 N 8TH ST W<br>RIVERTON, WY 82501 | X             |           | CHAIRMAN & CEO |       |

## Signatures

/s/ Keith G.  
Larsen

01/05/2009

\*\*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, 2009. 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 shares held directly by the Reporting Person.
  - (3) 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.
  - (4) Includes 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).
  - (5) As a result of the settlement of Mr. John L. Larsen's Estate, 466,513 shares of U.S. Energy common stock were put into a Family Trust. Keith Larsen is John L. Larsen's son and serves as the Co-Trustee of a Family Trust.
  - (6) Stock options granted under the Issuer's 2001 Incentive Stock Option Plan which vest in three (3) equal annual installments beginning September 22, 2009.
  - (7) Includes stock options granted under the Issuer's 1998 Incentive Stock Option Plan and exempt under Rule 16b-3.
  - (8) Includes stock options granted under the Issuer's 2001 Incentive Stock Option Plan and exempt under Rule 16b-3.
  - (9) Stock options granted under the Issuer's 2001 Incentive Stock Option Plan with a 5 year vesting schedule and exempt under Rule 16b-3.

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