

LARSEN KEITH G  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
LARSEN KEITH G

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
01/03/2005

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

PRESIDENT and COO

(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  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

RIVERTON, WY 82501

(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   |   |  |   |
| U.S. Energy Common Stock        | 01/03/2005                           |  | J                              | 2,500 <u>A</u><br><u>(1)</u>                                      | \$ 0 43,094   | D <u>(2)</u> <u>(3)</u>                                  |   |
| U.S. Energy Common Stock        |                                      |  |                                |   | 812,915   | I <u>(4)</u> <u>(5)</u> <u>(6)</u>                       | By Corporation  |
| U.S. Energy Common Stock        |                                      |  |                                |   | 7,500   | I <u>(7)</u>   | By Custodian For Child                                |

|                                   |        |              |                           |
|-----------------------------------|--------|--------------|---------------------------|
| U.S.<br>Energy<br>Common<br>Stock | 42,786 | I <u>(8)</u> | By ESOP                   |
| U.S.<br>Energy<br>Common<br>Stock | 73,772 | I <u>(9)</u> | By<br>Immediate<br>Family |

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<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | 3. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 5. Number<br>of<br>Derivative<br>Securities<br>Acquired<br>(A) or<br>Disposed<br>of (D)<br>(Instr. 3,<br>4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and<br>Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of<br>Underlying Securities<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. D<br>S<br>(I                   |                                  |
|---|--|---|---|--------------------------------------|--|--|---|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
|   |  |   |   | Code                                 | V (A) (D)  | Date<br>Exercisable  | Expiration<br>Date  | Title                             | Amount or<br>Number of<br>Shares |
| Employee<br>Option 1<br>(Right to<br>Buy)           | \$ 2.88  |   |   |                                      |  | 12/04/1998   | 09/05/2008  | U.S.<br>Energy<br>Common<br>Stock | 34,782                           |
| Employee<br>Option 1a<br>(Right to<br>Buy)          | \$ 2   |   |   |                                      |  | 12/04/1998   | 09/25/2008  | U.S.<br>Energy<br>Common<br>Stock | 52,718                           |
| Employee<br>Option 2<br>(Right to<br>Buy)           | \$ 2.4   |   |   |                                      |  | 01/10/2001   | 01/09/2011  | U.S.<br>Energy<br>Common<br>Stock | 309,400                          |
| Employee<br>Option 3<br>(Right to<br>Buy)           | \$ 3.9   |   |   |                                      |  | 12/07/2001   | 12/06/2011  | U.S.<br>Energy<br>Common<br>Stock | 100,000                          |
|   | \$ 2.25  |   |   |                                      |  | 08/08/2002   | 12/07/2011  |                                   | 97,000                           |

|   |         |  |            |            |  |                                   |         |
|---|---------|--|------------|------------|--|-----------------------------------|---------|
| Employee<br>Option 4<br>(Right to<br>Buy) |         |  |            |            |  | U.S.<br>Energy<br>Common<br>Stock |         |
| Employee<br>Option 5<br>(Right to<br>Buy) | \$ 2.46 |  | 07/01/2004 | 06/30/2014 |  | U.S.<br>Energy<br>Common<br>Stock | 125,000 |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                             | Relationships |           |                   |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|-------------------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer           | Other |
| LARSEN KEITH G<br>877 NORTH 8TH WEST<br>RIVERTON, WY 82501 | X             |           | PRESIDENT and COO |       |

## Signatures

By: Robert Scott Lorimer Attorney  
in Fact

01/04/2005

\_\_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, 2005. 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 26,774 shares held directly by the Reporting Person.
  - (3) Includes 16,320 shares issued under the USEG Restricted Stock Bonus Plan which are subject to forfeiture by the Reporting Person. The forfeitable shares issued the plan are deemed 'earned out' by the Reporting Person: (i) if he is continuously employed by USEG until he retires; (ii) if he becomes disabled; (iii) upon his death, or (iv) if the shares are claimed within three years following the occurrence of (i) (ii) (iii). The treasurer of USEG holds the shares in trust for the benefit of the Reporting Person, while non-employee directors of USEG exercise shared voting and dispositive rights over all forfeitable shares. Distributions to the Reporting Person will not be separately reported. The acquisitions of the shares by the Reporting Person from the Plan are exempt under Rule 16b-3.
  - (4) Includes 512,359 shares held by Crested Corp. (Crested), a majority-owned subsidiary of USEG. The Reporting Person is an Officer and/or Director of both USEG and Crested and is not a controlling shareholder and does not have or share investment control over these shares, and therefore does not have a pecuniary interest in the USEG shares held by Crested, under rule 16a-1(a)(2)(iii).
  - (5) Includes 175,000 shares held by Sutter Gold Mining Company (SGMC), a subsidiary of USEG. The Reporting Person is an Officer and/or Director of both USEG and SGMC and is not a controlling shareholder and does not have or share investment control over these shares, and therefore does not have a pecuniary interest in the USEG shares held by SGMC, under rule 16a-1(a)(2)(iii).
  - (6) Includes 125,556 shares held by Plateau Resources Limited (Plateau), a wholly owned subsidiary of USEG. The Reporting Person is an Officer and/or Director of both USEG and Plateau and is not a controlling shareholder and does not have or share investment control over these shares, and therefore does not have a pecuniary interest in the USEG shares held by Plateau, under rule 16a-1(a)(2)(iii).
  - (7) Includes 7,500 shares indirectly held by the Reporting Person as Custodian for minor children under the Wyoming Uniform Transfers to Minors Act. The Reporting Person disclaims beneficial and pecuniary interest in these shares.
  - (8)

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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.

- (9) 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).
- (10) Includes stock options granted under the Issuer's 1998 Incentive Stock Option Plan and exempt under Rule 16b-3.
- (11) Includes stock options granted under the Issuer's 2001 Incentive Stock Option Plan and exempt under Rule 16b-3.

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