

US ENERGY CORP
Form 8-K
April 13, 2005

**UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the
Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (date of earliest event reported): April 13, 2005 (April 11, 2005)

U.S. ENERGY CORP.

(Exact Name of Company as Specified in its Charter)

Wyoming

(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation or organization)

0-6814

(Commission File No.)

83-0205516

(I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)

Glen L. Larsen Building

877 North 8th West

Riverton, WY

(Address of principal executive
offices)

82501

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(307) 856-9271**

Not Applicable

Former Name, Former Address or Former Fiscal Year,,
If Changed From Last Report)

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Section 1: Registrant's Business and Operations

Item 1.01. Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement

As of April 11, 2005, U.S. Energy Corp. and Crested Corp. (as the USECC Joint Venture) signed a Mining Venture Agreement with Uranium Power Corp. (UPC, formerly Bell Coast Capital Corp.) to establish a joint venture, with a term of 30 years, to explore, develop and mine the properties being purchased by UPC under the Purchase and Sale Agreement (see the Form 8-K Report filed December 13, 2004), and acquire, explore and develop additional uranium properties. The joint venture generally covers uranium properties in Wyoming and other properties identified in the USECC Joint Venture uranium property data base, but excluding the Green Mountain area and Kennecott's Sweetwater uranium mill, the Shootaring Canyon uranium mill in southeast Utah (and properties within ten miles of that mill), and properties acquired in connection with a future joint venture involving that mill. The Shootaring Canyon mill is owned by Plateau Resources Limited, a subsidiary of U.S. Energy Corp.; Crested Corp. has a 50% interest in Plateau's cashflows.

The initial participating interests in the joint venture (profits, losses and capital calls) are 50% for the USECC Joint Venture and 50% for UPC, based on their contributions of the Sheep Mountain properties. Operations will be funded by cash capital contributions of the parties; failure by a party to fund a capital call may result in a reduction or the elimination of its participating interest. In addition, a failure by UPC to pay for its 50% interest in the Sheep Mountain properties may result in a reduction or the elimination of UPC's participating interest. A budget of \$567,842 for the seven months ending December 31, 2005 has been approved, relating to reclamation work at the Sheep Mountain properties, exploration drilling, geological and engineering work, and other costs. A substantial portion of this work will be performed by (and be paid to) the USECC Joint Venture as manager.

The manager of the joint venture is the USECC Joint Venture; the manager will implement the decisions of the management committee and operate the business of the joint venture. UPC and the USECC Joint Venture each have two representatives on the four person management committee, subject to change if the participating interests of the parties are adjusted. The manager is entitled to a management fee from the joint venture equal to a minimum of 10% of the manager's costs to provide services and materials to the joint venture (excluding capital costs) for field work and personnel, office overhead and general and administrative expenses, and 2% of capital costs. The manager may be replaced if its participating interest becomes less than 50%.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

U.S. ENERGY CORP.

Dated: April 13, 2005

By:

/s/John L. Larsen
John L. Larsen, CEO

