

US ENERGY CORP
Form 8-K
November 09, 2006

**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): November 9, 2006 (October 27, 2006)

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 8: Other Events.

Item 8.01. Other Events.

United States Tenth Circuit Court of Appeals Affirms Dismissal of Challenges to Mt. Emmons Patents. On October 27, 2006, the United States Tenth Circuit Court of Appeals (the 10th CCA”) affirmed the July 21, 2006 decision of the 10th CCA panel upholding the January 12, 2005 dismissal by United States District Court for the District of Colorado of challenges to the issuance of mining patents (by the United States Bureau of Land Management) on certain of the properties comprising the Mt. Emmons properties, to Phelps Dodge Corporation and Mt. Emmons Mining Company. The case is High Country Citizen’s Alliance, Town of Crested Butte, Colorado, and The Board of County Commissioners of the County of Gunnison, Colorado (the “Appellants”) v. Kathleen Clarke, Director of the Bureau of Land Management et. al., Gale Norton, Secretary of Interior, U.S. Department of the Interior; Phelps Dodge Corporation; Mt. Emmons Mining Company (the 10th CCA case number is D.C. No. 04-MK-749PAC and No. 05-1085).

On September 5, 2006, the Appellants had filed a Petition for Rehearing En Banc of the July 21, 2006 decision before the entire 10th CCA. The October 27, 2006 order denied the Appellants’ Petition of Rehearing En Banc. Thus, the Panel’s July 21, 2006, ruling was upheld denying the challenges to the patents.

The subject patents (and adjacent properties) are held by U.S. Energy Corp. and Crested Corp. For further information on the Mt. Emmons property, and the background of this litigation (to which neither U.S. Energy Corp. nor Crested Corp. have been parties), please see the Form 10-Ks for the year ended December 31, 2005 filed by U.S. Energy Corp. and Crested Corp.

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: November 9, 2006

By:

/s/ Keith G. Larsen
Keith G. Larsen, CEO