US ENERGY CORP

Form 4 April 10, 2006

## FORM 4

# UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

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5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

(Check all applicable)

Issuer

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

US ENERGY CORP [USEG]

Form 5 obligations may continue. See Instruction

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Symbol

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

LORIMER R SCOTT

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*

(Last)	(First) (	Middle)	3. Date of	Earliest Tr	ansaction						
877 NORTH 8TH WEST			(Month/Day/Year) 04/07/2006					Director _X_ Officer ( below)		10% Owner Other (specify	
		4. If Amendment, Date Original					6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check				
File				nth/Day/Year	)			Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person			
RIVERTON, WY 82501  — Form filed by More than One Reporting Person  Person											
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Tabl	e I - Non-D	erivative	Secur	ities A	cquired, Dispose	d of, or Benefic	cially Owned	
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)  U.S. Energy Common	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) 04/07/2006		Date, if	3. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	Disposed (Instr. 3,	l (A) o l of (D	)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)  D (2) (3)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
Stock U.S. Energy Common Stock						_		812,915	I (4) (5) (6)	By Corporation	
U.S. Energy Common Stock								63,747	I (7)	By ESOP	

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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. Transacti Code (Instr. 8)	5. orNumber of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		e	7. Title and A Underlying S (Instr. 3 and	Securities
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Option 1a (Right to Buy)	\$ 2					12/04/1998	09/25/2008	U.S. Energy Common Stock	40,218
Employee Option 2 (Right to Buy)	\$ 2.4					01/10/2001	01/09/2011	U.S. Energy Common Stock	80,233
Employee Option 3 (Right to Buy)	\$ 3.9					12/07/2001	12/06/2011	U.S. Energy Common Stock	100,000
Employee Option 4 (Right to Buy)	\$ 2.25					08/08/2002	12/07/2011	U.S. Energy Common Stock	52,556
Employee Option 5 (Right to Buy)	\$ 2.46					07/01/2004	06/30/2014	U.S. Energy Common Stock	84,350
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

LORIMER R SCOTT 877 NORTH 8TH WEST RIVERTON, WY 82501

TREASURER and CFO

### **Signatures**

/s/ LORIMER, ROBERT SCOTT

04/10/2006

\*\*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).
- 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 second quarter of the calendar year ending December 31, 2006. 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 145,642 shares held directly by the Reporting Person.
  - Includes 15,120 shares issued under the Restricted Stock Bonus Plan and 60,000 under the 1996 Stock Award program which are subject to forfeiture by the Reporting Person. Shares issued under the 1996 Stock Award program vest over a 5-year period at the rate of 20% per year, The forfeitable shares issued under both plans are deemed 'earned out' by the Reporting Person: (i) if he is continuously employed
- (3) 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 both the Bonus Plan and the Award Program are exempt under Rule 16b-3.
- 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 controll 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).
- Includes 175,000 shares held by Sutter Gold Mining Company (SGMC), a subsidiary of USEG. The Reporting Person is an Officer (5) and/or Director of both USEG and SGMC and is not a controlling shareholder and does not have or share investment controll 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).
- Includes 125,556 shares held by Plateau Resources Limited (Plateau), a wholly owned subsidiary of USEG. The Reporting Person is an (6) Officer and/or Director of both USEG and Plateau and is not a controlling shareholder and does not have or share investment controll 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).
- 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. Subsequent to the final year end close the number of shares issued to the Reporting Person's ESOP account may be adjusted.
- (8) Includes stock options granted under the Issuer's 1998 Incentive Stock Option Plan and exempt under Rule 16b-3.
- (9) Includes stock options granted under the Issuer's 2001 Incentive Stock Option Plan and exempt under Rule 16b-3.

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