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Form 5

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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

FORM 5

ANNUAL STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

() Check box if no longer subject to Section 16.

Form 4 or Form 5 obligations may continue. See Instructions 1(b).

- () Form 3 Holdings Reported
- (X) Form 4 Transactions Reported

USA

- 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol U.S. ENERGY CORP. USEG
- 3. IRS or Social Security Number of Reporting Person (Voluntary)
- 4. Statement for Month/Year

MAY 31, 2002

- 5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Year) JULY 12, 2002
- 6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) (X) Director (X) 10% Owner (X) Officer (give title below) () Other (specify below) CHAIRMAN AND CEO
- 7. Individual or Joint/Group Reporting (Check Applicable Line)
 - (X) Form filed by One Reporting Person
 - () Form filed by More than One Reporting Person $\,$

Ta	Table I Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned									
1.	Title	of :	Securit	ty		actior	İ	of (D)	'	5.Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned at End of Year
CK	\$.01	PAR	VALUE		STO 12/07,	/ A-4	20,000 	A 	NIL 	479 , 089
CK	\$.01	PAR	VALUE	COMMON	STO N/A 		NONE 		N/A 	42,350
СК	\$.01	PAR	VALUE	COMMON	STO 05/30,			A 	NIL 	50,601
CK	\$.01	PAR	VALUE	COMMON	STO 05/30,	/ A-4 	39 , 844 	A 	NIL 	141,527
CK	\$.01	PAR	VALUE	COMMON	STO N/A	 	NONE		N/A 	155 , 811
CK	\$.01	PAR	VALUE	COMMON	STO N/A		NONE		N/A 	125 , 556

CK	\$.01	PAR	VALUE	COMMON	N STO N	/A	N	ONE		N/A 	175,000 	
CK	\$.01	PAR	VALUE	COMMON	N STO N	/A	N	ONE		N/A 	512,359 	
CK 	\$.01	PAR	VALUE	COMMON	N STO N 	/A 	N0 	ONE		N/A 	1,581 	
Ta	ble I	I	Deriv	ative S	Securit	ites A	cquire	d, Dispose	ed of, o	or Beneficial	lly Owned	
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ion										06/16 06/15	5 Common Stoc	N/A
										12/04 09/25 /98 /08	5 Common Stock 34	,782 N/A
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Explanation of Responses:

Attachment to Form 5 for period ended May 31,

shares subject to forfeiture. The 25,200 shares, issued under the USEG Restricted Stock Bonus Plan, are deemed

⁽a) Includes 106,000 shares held by the Reporting Person in joint tenancy with his wife and 27,500 shares gifted

by the Reporting Person to his wife, but not transferred into her name. Also includes 25,200 shares and 104,226

[&]quot;earned out" by the Reporting Person: (i) if he is continuously employed by

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USE 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)
or (iii). The104,226 shares, issued under the 1996 Stock Award Program, vest
over a 5 year period at the rate of
20% per year and are subject to the same forfeiture conditions noted
previously. The treasurer of USEG holds the
shares in trust for the benefit of the Reporting Person, while the non-employee
directors of USEG exercise shared
voting and dispositive rights over all 109,426 shares. The shares do not come
under the control of the Reporting
Person until termination of employment. The total number of shares is
presently reported; distributions to the
Reporting Person will not be separately reported. The acquisition of the
shares by the Reporting Person from both
the Bonus Plan and the Award Program are exempt under Rule
16b-3.
    Consists of shares held directly by the Reporting Person's
(b)
wife.
(c) Consists of 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.
    Consists of shares held in ESOP accounts established to benefit members
of the Reporting persons
"immediately family", as that term is defined in Rule 16a-1(e), in accordance
with Rule 16a-8(b)(2).
     Consists of shares held in the ESOP which are not allocated to accounts
established for the benefit of
specific plan participants. The Reporting Person, as an ESOP Trustee,
exercises the voting powers with respect
to such unallocated
shares.
(f) Consists of shares held by Plateau Resources Limited ("Plateau"), a
wholly-owned subsidiary of USEG. The
Reporting Person is an officer and director of both USEG and Plateau. The
Reporting Person is not a controlling
shareholder of Plateau, and therefore the Reporting Person does not have a
pecuniary interest in the USEG shares
held by Plateau, under Rule
16a-1(a)(2)(iii).
(g) Consists of shares held by Sutter Gold Mining Company ("SGMC"), a
subsidiary of USEG. The Reporting
person is an officer and director of both USEG and SGMC. The Reporting Person
is not a controlling shareholder
of SGMC, and therefore the Reporting Person does not have a pecuniary interest
in the USEG shares held by
SGMC, under Rule
16a-1(a)(2)(iii).
     Consists of shares held by Crested Corp. ("Crested"), a majority-owned
subsidiary of USEG. The Reporting
Person is an officer and director of both USEG and Crested. The Reporting
Person is not a controlling shareholder
of Crested, and therefore the Reporting Person does not have a pecuniary
interest in the USEG shares held by
Crested, under Rule
16a-1(a)(2)(iii).
     Consists of shares held by Northwest Gold, Inc. ("NWG"), a subsidiary of
USEG. The Reporting Person is an
officer and director of USEG and a director or NWG. The Reporting Person is
not a controlling shareholder of
NWG, and therefore the Reporting Person does not have a pecuniary interest in
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the USEG shares held by NWG,
under Rule
16a-1(a)(2)(iii).
(j) Stock options granted under the Issuer's 1998 Incentive Stock Option
Plan, and exempt under Rule 16b-3.
(k) Stock options granted under the Issuer's 2001 Incentive Stock Option
Plan, and exempt under Rule 16b-3.
NOTE: Pursuant to SEC Rule 16a-1(a)(2), information on Crested, Plateau, SGMC
and NWG is not required,
however, Registrant has
            undertaken comprehensive disclosure and reports shares held by
Crested, Plateau, SGMC and NWG as
indirectly owned
by
            the Reporting
Person.
            The Reporting Person disclaims beneficial and pecuniary interest
in the shares reported under footnotes
b, d, e, f, g, h and
i.
SIGNATURE OF REPORTING PERSON
       JOHN L. LARSEN
DATE
  August 16, 2002
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