

FRASER H RUSSELL  
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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 \*  
FRASER H RUSSELL

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
877 N 8TH ST W  
(Street)  
RIVERTON, WY 82501  
(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
12/28/2010

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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**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. 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)
Common Stock	12/28/2010		M	5,000 A	\$ 3.9 26,363	D	(1) (2) (3)
Common Stock	12/28/2010		D(4)	5,000 D	\$ 6 21,363	D	(1) (2) (3)
Common Stock					1,300	I (5)	By Spouse

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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 3.9	12/28/2010		M	5,000	12/07/2001 12/07/2011	Common Stock 5,000
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 2.25					08/08/2002 12/06/2011	Common Stock 10,000
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 2.46					07/01/2005 06/30/2014	Common Stock 50,000
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 3.86					10/14/2005 10/13/2015	Common Stock 25,000
Director/ Option(rtb)	\$ 2.52					09/22/2009 09/21/2018	U.S. Energy Common Stock 30,000

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
FRASER H RUSSELL 877 N 8TH ST W RIVERTON, WY 82501	X			

## Signatures

/s/ Robert Scott Lorimer,  
attorney-in-fact

12/30/2010

\_\_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) Includes shares held directly by the Reporting Person.
  - (2) Includes 1,000 shares held in joint tenancy with the Reporting Person's wife.
  - (3) Includes 4,000 shares held in an Individual Retirement Account (IRA) for the benefit of the Reporting Person.
  - (4) Options purchased and sold under the Reporting Person's 10(b) 5-1 Plan dated November 15, 2010.
  - (5) Includes 1,300 shares held in an IRA established for the benefit of the Reporting Person's wife. The Reporting Person disclaims any beneficial interest in these shares.
  - (6) Options issued to Reporting Person as a member of the Issuer's Board of Directors.
  - (7) Stock options granted under the Issuer's 2008 SOP for the Independent Directors and Advisory Board Members granted on June 25, 2010 which vest in three (3) equal annual installments beginning June 25, 2011.

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