

YOUNGBAUER STEVEN R  
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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 \*  
YOUNGBAUER STEVEN R

(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)  
09/29/2008

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)  
SECRETARY & GENERAL COUNSEL

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
\_\_\_\_ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**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. Transaction 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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
|                                 |                                      |  |                                | (A) or (D) Code V Amount (D) Price                                |   |  |                                   |
| Common Stock                    | 10/01/2008                           |  | A <sup>(1)</sup>               | 5,000 A \$ 0  | 76,574  | D <sup>(2)</sup>   |                                   |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 13,575  | I <sup>(3)</sup>   | By Esop                           |

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 Option (Right to Buy)                | \$ 2.52  | 09/29/2008                           |  | A <sup>(4)</sup>               | 75,000  | 09/22/2009 09/21/2018                                    | Common Stock 75,000   |
| Stock Options (Right to Buy)               | \$ 2.46  |                                      |  |                                |   | 07/01/2004 06/30/2014                                    | Common Stock 25,000   |
| Stock Options (Right to Buy)               | \$ 3.86  |                                      |  |                                |   | 10/14/2005 10/13/2015                                    | Common Stock 50,000   |
| Stock Options (Right to Buy)               | \$ 4.97  |                                      |  |                                |   | 01/01/2008 07/26/2017                                    | Common Stock 100,000  |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                              | Relationships |           |                             |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|-----------------------------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                     | Other |
| YOUNGBAUER STEVEN R<br>877 N 8TH ST W<br>RIVERTON, WY 82501 |               |           | SECRETARY & GENERAL COUNSEL |       |

## Signatures

/s/ Steven R.  
Youngbauer

10/01/2008

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person Date

## Explanation of Responses:

\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

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- 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 fourth quarter of the calendar year ending December 31, 2008. 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.
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  - (2) Includes shares held directly by the Reporting Person.
  - (3) 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.
  - (4) Stock options granted under the Issuer's 2001 Incentive Stock Option Plan which vest in three (3) equal annual installments beginning September 22, 2009.
  - (5) Includes stock options granted under the Issuer's 2001 Incentive Stock Option Plan and exempt under Rule 16b-3.
  - (6) Stock options granted under the Issuer's 2001 Incentive Stock Option Plan with a 5 year vesting schedule and exempt under Rule 16b-3.

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