

LORIMER R SCOTT  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
**LORIMER R SCOTT**

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
**877 NORTH 8TH WEST**  
  
(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)  
**01/18/2006**

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)

**TREASURER and CFO**

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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
|                                 |                                      |  | Code                           | V   | Amount  | (A) or (D)   | Price                             |
| U.S. Energy Common Stock        | 01/18/2006                           |  | M                              |   | 40,650  | A  | \$ 2.46                           |
| U.S. Energy Common Stock        | 01/18/2006                           |  | F                              |   | 17,730  | <u>D</u><br>(1)  | \$ 0                              |
| U.S. Energy Common Stock        |                                      |  |                                |   | 812,915   | I (4) (5) (6)  |                                   |

By Corporation

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U.S.  
Energy  
Common  
Stock

59,139      I <sup>(7)</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 Number Shares                               |
| Employee Option 5 (Right to Buy)           | \$ 2.46  | 01/18/2006                           |  | M                              | 40,650  | 07/01/2004      06/30/2014                               | U.S. Energy Common Stock      40,650                          |
| 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      52,550                          |
| 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<br>877 NORTH 8TH WEST<br>RIVERTON, WY 82501 |               |           | TREASURER and CFO |       |

## Signatures

/s/ LORIMER, ROBERT  
SCOTT

01/20/2006

\_\_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).

(1) Surrendered shares for payment of exercise of options.

(2) Includes 143,142 shares held directly by the Reporting Person.

(3) 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 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.

(4) 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 control 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).

(5) Includes 175,000 shares held by Sutter Gold Mining Company (SGMC), a subsidiary of USEG. The Reporting Person is an Officer and/or Director of both USEG and SGMC and is not a controlling shareholder and does not have or share investment control 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).

(6) Includes 125,556 shares held by Plateau Resources Limited (Plateau), a wholly owned subsidiary of USEG. The Reporting Person is an Officer and/or Director of both USEG and Plateau and is not a controlling shareholder and does not have or share investment control 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).

(7) 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 2001 Incentive Stock Option Plan and exempt under Rule 16b-3.

(9) Includes stock options granted under the Issuer's 1998 Incentive Stock Option Plan and exempt under Rule 16b-3.

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