US ENERGY CORP

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading LARSEN KEITH G Issuer Symbol US ENERGY CORP [USEG] (Check all applicable) (First) (Middle) (Last) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) _X__ Director 10% Owner Other (specify X_ Officer (give title 877 NORTH 8TH WEST 01/03/2007 below) below) **CHAIRMAN & CEO** (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting RIVERTON, WY 82501 Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 3. 4. Securities 5. Amount of 7. Nature of Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if TransactionAcquired (A) or Securities Ownership Indirect (Instr. 3) Code Disposed of (D) Beneficially Form: Direct Beneficial (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (D) or Ownership (Instr. 8) Owned Following Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) Reported (Instr. 4) (A) Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price

J(1)

2.500

\$0

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By

Corporation

 $D^{(2)(3)}$

 $I^{(4)(5)}$

7,500

157,056

300,556

By Custodian I (6) For Child

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Stock

U.S. Energy

Common Stock U.S. Energy

Common

01/03/2007

Energy Common Stock

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U.S. Energy Common Stock	55,623	I (7)	By ESOP
U.S. Energy Common Stock Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities benefic	95,569	I (8)	By Immediate Family
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 $\label{thm:convergence} \begin{tabular}{ll} Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned \\ (\emph{e.g.}, puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities) \\ \end{tabular}$

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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. orNumber of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		re e	7. Title and A Underlying S (Instr. 3 and	Securities	88 II S S (
				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	52,718	
Employee Option 2 (Right to Buy)	\$ 2.4					01/10/2001	01/09/2011	U.S. Energy Common Stock	267,734	
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	
	\$ 2.46					07/01/2004	06/30/2014		84,350	

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Employee Option 5 (Right to Buy)			U.S. Energy Common Stock	
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				
toporting of the remove removes	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other	
LARSEN KEITH G 877 NORTH 8TH WEST RIVERTON, WY 82501	X		CHAIRMAN & CEO		

Signatures

/s/ LARSEN,
KEITH G

**Signature of Reporting

Date

Person

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 first quarter of the calendar year ending December 31, 2007. 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 148,236 shares held directly by the Reporting Person.
 - Includes 8,820 shares issued under the USEG Restricted Stock Bonus Plan which are subject to forfeiture by the Reporting Person. The forfeitable shares issued the plan 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 the Plan are exempt under Rule 16b-3.
- Includes 175,000 shares held by Sutter Gold Mining Co., Inc. (SGMI), a subsidiary of USEG. The Reporting Person is an Officer and/or

 (4) Director of both USEG and SGMI 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 SGMI, 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 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).
- (6) Includes 7,500 shares indirectly held by the Reporting Person as Custodian for minor children under the Wyoming Uniform Transfers to Minors Act. The Reporting Person disclaims beneficial and pecuniary interest in these shares.
- (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.

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Includes a balance of shares held in ESOP accounts established to benefit members of the Reporting Persons 'Immediate Family', as that term is defined in Rule 16a-1(e), in accordance with Rule 16a-8(b)(2).

- (9) Includes stock options granted under the Issuer's 1998 Incentive Stock Option Plan and exempt under Rule 16b-3.
- (10) Includes stock options granted under the Issuer's 2001 Incentive Stock Option Plan and exempt under Rule 16b-3.

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