

US ENERGY CORP
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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 *
HERRON HAROLD F

(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)
01/04/2008

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)

SR VICE PRESIDENT

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. 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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|------------------|
| | | | Code | V | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price | |
| U.S. Energy Common Stock | 01/04/2008 | | J ⁽¹⁾ | | 5,000 | A | \$ 0 209,894 | D ⁽²⁾ |
| U.S. Energy Common Stock | 01/04/2008 | | J ⁽³⁾ | | 175,000 | D | \$ 0 125,556 | I By Corporation |
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|-----------------------------------|---------|------------------|------------------------------|
| U.S. Energy Common Stock | 4,500 | I ⁽⁵⁾ | By Custodian For Child |
| U.S. Energy Common Stock | 34,724 | I ⁽⁶⁾ | By ESOP |
| U.S. Energy Common Stock | 155,811 | I ⁽⁷⁾ | By Trust |

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) | 8. Amount or Number of Shares | |
|---|--|---|---|--------------------------------------|--|--|---|-------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| | | | | Code | V (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Employee Option 7 (RTB) | \$ 4.97 | | | | | 01/01/2008 | 07/26/2017 | U.S. Energy Common Stock | 150,000 |
| Employee Option 2 (Right to Buy) | \$ 2.4 | | | | | 01/10/2001 | 01/09/2011 | U.S. Energy Common Stock | 27,617 |
| Employee Option 3 (Right to Buy) | \$ 3.9 | | | | | 12/07/2001 | 12/06/2011 | U.S. Energy Common Stock | 50,000 |
| | \$ 2.25 | | | | | 08/08/2002 | 12/07/2011 | | 26,278 |

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|-------------------------------------|---------|--|------------|------------|-----------------------------------|---------|
| Employee Option 4 (Right to Buy) | | | | | U.S. Energy Common Stock | |
| Employee Option 5 (Right to Buy) | \$ 2.46 | | 07/01/2004 | 06/30/2014 | U.S. Energy Common Stock | 125,000 |
| 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 |
| HERRON HAROLD F 877 NORTH 8TH WEST RIVERTON, WY 82501 | X | | SR VICE PRESIDENT | |

Signatures

/s/ HERRON, HAROLD F
(HAL) 01/04/2008

 **Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. *See* 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) 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, 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.
- (2) Includes 209,894 shares held directly by the Reporting Person.
- (3) 175,000 shares held by Sutter Gold Mining Co., Inc. were released to USE for satisfaction of debt. An additional 50,000 shares which were to be converted to USE shares from the USE/Crested Corp. merger have also been released to USE for satisfaction of debt
- (4) Shares held by Plateau Resources were returned to USE and cancelled as Treasury Shares.
- (5) Includes 4,500 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.
- (6) 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 has been adjusted from shares forfeited by Plan participants.
- (7) Includes 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.
- (8) Stock options granted under the Issuer's 2001 Incentive Stock Option Plan with a 5 year vesting schedule 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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(10) Includes stock options granted under the Issuer's 2001 Incentive Stock Option Plan and exempt under Rule 16b-3.

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