LARSEN KEITH G

Form 4

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See Instruction

1(b).

Stock

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * LARSEN KEITH G			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol US ENERGY CORP [USEG]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)			
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction	(Check an applicable)			
877 N 8TH ST	W		(Month/Day/Year) 12/02/2011	_X_ Director 10% Owner _X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below) CHAIRMAN & CEO			
(Street)			4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check			
RIVERTON, V	WY 82501		Filed(Month/Day/Year)	Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting 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 Acquired 5. Amount of 7. Nature of Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Securities Ownership Indirect (Instr. 3) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Form: Direct Beneficial Code Beneficially Owned (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) (D) or Ownership Following Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) Reported (Instr. 4) (A) Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price Common 12/02/2011 M 52,556 472,162 D Stock 2.25 46,887 Common F D 12/02/2011 425,275 D Stock (1) 2.71 Common I (2) 89,462 By Esop Stock By Common $I^{(3)}$ Immediate 167,912 Stock Family Common Family 466,513 $I^{(4)}$

Trust

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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)	Secu Secu Acq or D (D)	urities uired (A) bisposed of tr. 3, 4,	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)	\$ 2.25	12/02/2011		M		52,556	08/08/2002	12/07/2011	Common Stock	52,556
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 3.9						12/07/2001	12/06/2011	Common Stock	100,000
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 2.46						07/01/2004	06/30/2014	Common Stock	59,350
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 3.86						10/14/2005	10/13/2015	Common Stock	100,000
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 4.97						01/01/2008	07/26/2017	Common Stock	150,000
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 2.52						09/22/2009	09/21/2018	Common Stock	75,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Reporting Owners

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Director 10% Owner Officer Other

LARSEN KEITH G 877 N 8TH ST W RIVERTON, WY 82501

CHAIRMAN & CEO

Signatures

/s/ Keith G. 12/05/2011

**Signature of Date
Reporting Person

Explanation of Responses:

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

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- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- Received 5,669 net shares from the exercise of 52,556 options at a strike price of \$2.25 per share. Sufficient shares were withheld from (1) the option exercise to cover the cost of the exercise, federal income taxes, and all statutory payroll taxes. Shares withheld were valued at the market close price on the date of exercise, December 2, 2011, of \$2.71 per share.
- (2) 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.
- (3) Includes 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).
- (4) As a result of the settlement of Mr. John L. Larsen's Estate, 466,513 shares of U.S. Energy common stock were put into a Family Trust. Keith Larsen is John L. Larsen's son and serves as the Co-Trustee of a Family Trust.
- (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.
- (7) Stock options granted under the Issuer's 2001 Incentive Stock Option Plan which vest in three (3) equal annual installments beginning September 22, 2009.

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