US ENERGY CORP

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# FORM 4

### UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

US ENERGY CORP [USEG]

Symbol

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

HERRON HAROLD F

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*

		US EN	US ENERGY CORP [USEG]			(Check all applicable)		
(Mon			of Earliest Transad Day/Year) 2006		_X Director 10% Owner X Officer (give title Other (specify below) SR VICE PRESIDENT			
			nendment, Date Or onth/Day/Year)		<ul><li>6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check</li><li>Applicable Line)</li><li>_X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person</li></ul>			
RIVERTO	N, WY 82501					Form filed by Person	by More than One	e Reporting
(City)	(State)	(Zip) Ta	ble I - Non-Deriva	ative Secur	rities A	cquired, Dispose	d of, or Benefic	cially Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	e 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	TransactionAcq Code Disp	cosed of (D tr. 3, 4 and (A) or	)	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)
U.S. Energy Common Stock	07/03/2006		J(1) 2,50	00 A	\$ 0	146,365	D (2) (3) (4)	
U.S. Energy Common Stock						812,915	I (5) (6) (7)	By Corporation
U.S. Energy Common Stock						4,500	I (8)	By Custodian For Child

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U.S. Energy Common Stock	3	30,306	I (9)	By ESOP
U.S. Energy Common Stock	1	155,811	I (10)	By Trust
Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.  Persons who respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not required to respond unless the form displays a currently valid OMB control number.			SEC 1474 (9-02)	

 $\label{thm:convergence} \begin{tabular}{ll} Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned \\ (\emph{e.g.}, puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities) \\ \end{tabular}$ 

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. Transacti Code (Instr. 8)	5. onNumber of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		e	7. Title and A Underlying S (Instr. 3 and	Securities
				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	20,109
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
Employee Option 4 (Right to Buy)	\$ 2.25					08/08/2002	12/07/2011	U.S. Energy Common Stock	26,278
	\$ 2.46					07/01/2004	06/30/2014		125,000

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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					
1	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) 07/05/2006

\*\*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).
- 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 third quarter of the calendar year ending December 31, 2006. 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 95,915 shares held directly by the Reporting Person.
- (3) Includes 11,000 shares held in an Individual Retirement Account (IRA) for the benefit of the Reporting Person.
  - Includes 9,450 shares issued under the Restricted Stock Bonus Plan and 30,000 shares issued under the 1996 Stock Award program all of 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
- 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 16
- 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 controll 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).
- 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 controll 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).
- 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).

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- (8) 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.
- 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 forfieted by Plan participants.
- (10) 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.
- (11) Includes stock options granted under the Issuer's 1998 Incentive Stock Option Plan and exempt under Rule 16b-3.
- (12) Includes stock options granted under the Issuer's 2001 Incentive Stock Option Plan and exempt under Rule 16b-3.

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