

YOUNGBAUER STEVEN R

Form 4

January 03, 2012

FORM 4**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
YOUNGBAUER STEVEN R

(Last) (First) (Middle)

877 N 8TH ST W

(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)
01/03/2012

4. If Amendment, Date Original
Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

____ Director ____ 10% Owner
X Officer (give title below) ____ Other (specify below)
SECRETARY & GENERAL COUNSEL

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
X 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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	01/03/2012		A	(A) or (D) A	5,000 (1) \$ 3.18	141,574	D
Common Stock					37,184	I (2)	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)		8. Puts, Calls, Warrants, or Other Derivative Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 2.46							07/01/2004	06/30/2014	Common Stock	25,000
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 3.86							10/14/2005	10/13/2015	Common Stock	50,000
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 4.97							01/01/2008	07/26/2017	Common Stock	100,000
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 2.52							09/22/2009	09/21/2018	Common Stock	75,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
	Director 10% Owner Officer Other
YOUNGBAUER STEVEN R 877 N 8TH ST W RIVERTON, WY 82501	SECRETARY & GENERAL COUNSEL

Signatures

/s/ Steven R.
Youngbauer 01/03/2012

**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 USE 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, 2012. 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.
- (1)
 - (2) 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.
 - (3) Includes stock options granted under the Issuer's 2001 Incentive Stock Option Plan and exempt under Rule 16b-3.
 - (4) Stock options granted under the Issuer's 2001 Incentive Stock Option Plan with a 5 year vesting schedule and exempt under Rule 16b-3.
 - (5) 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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