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Form 5

July 24, 2001

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

FORM 5

ANNUAL STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

() Check box if no longer subject to Section 16.

Form 4 or Form 5 obligations may continue. See Instructions 1(b).

() Form 3 Holdings Reported

(X) Form 4 Transactions Reported

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person

SVILAR, DANIEL P.
877 NORTH 8TH WEST
RIVERTON, WY 82501

USA

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

U.S. ENERGY CORP.
USEG

3. IRS or Social Security Number of Reporting Person (Voluntary)

4. Statement for Month/Year

MAY 31, 2001

5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Year)

6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)

() Director (X) 10% Owner (X) Officer (give title below) () Other
(specify below)

ASSISTANT SECRETARY AND GENERAL COUNSEL

7. Individual or Joint/Group Reporting (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	2. Transaction Date	3. Code	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D)		5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned at End of Year
			Amount	A/D Price	
CK \$.01 PAR VALUE COMMON STOCK	N/A		NONE	N/A	91,915
CK \$.01 PAR VALUE COMMON STOCK	N/A		NONE	N/A	85,850
CK \$.01 PAR VALUE COMMON STOCK	05/25/01	A-4	3,558	NIL	3,558
CK \$.01 PAR VALUE COMMON STOCK	N/A		NONE	N/A	1,000
CK \$.01 PAR VALUE COMMON STOCK	N/A		NONE	N/A	125,556
CK \$.01 PAR VALUE COMMON STOCK	N/A		NONE	N/A	175,000

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CK	\$.01 PAR VALUE COMMON STOCK	N/A	NONE	N/A	512,359
CK	\$.01 PAR VALUE COMMON STOCK	N/A	NONE	N/A	5,000

Table II -- Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Derivative Security	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date	4. Transaction Code	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities	8. Put or Call
Qualified Stock Option (Right to Buy) (i)	\$2.90/sh	N/A			04/15/92 04/14/02	Common Stock 66,000	N/A
Qualified Stock Option (Right to Buy) (i)	\$2.875/sh	N/A			12/04/98 09/25/08	Common Stock 34,782	N/A
Nonqualified Stock Option (Right to Buy) (i)	\$2.00/sh	N/A			12/04/98 09/25/08	Common Stock 40,218	N/A
Qualified Stock Option (Right to Buy) (i)	\$2.40/sh	N/A			01/10/01 01/09/01	Common Stock 41,667	N/A
Nonqualified Stock Option (Right to Buy) (i)	\$2.40/sh	N/A			01/10/01 01/09/01	Common Stock 80,233	N/A

Explanation of Responses:

(a) Includes 12,950 shares held in joint tenancy with the Reporting Person's wife and 33,600 shares held in an Individual Retirement Account ("IRA") established for the benefit of the Reporting Person.

(b) Includes 22,680 and 63,170 shares subject to forfeiture. The 22,680 shares, issued under the USEG Restricted Stock bonus Plan, are deemed 'earned out': (i) if he is continuously employed by USEG until he retires; (ii) if he becomes totally disabled; (iii) upon his death, or (iv) if the shares are claimed within three years following the occurrence of (i), (ii) or (iii). The 63,170 shares, issued under the 1996 Stock Award Program vest at the rate of 20% each year over a five year period and are subject to the forfeiture conditions noted previously. The treasurer of USEG holds the shares in trust for the benefit of the Reporting Person, while the non-employee directors of USEG exercise shared voting and dispositive rights over all 85,850 shares. The shares do not come under the control of the Reporting Person until termination. The total number of shares is presently reported;

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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 16b-3.

(c) Consists of 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. The Reporting Person is over the age of 70 1/2 and therefore the shares will be immediately distributed to him (ie. his IRA); distribution to the Reporting Person will not be separately reported.

(d) Consists of shares indirectly held by the Reporting Person as Custodian for his minor child under the Wyoming Uniform Transfers to Minors Act.

(e) Consists of shares held by Plateau Resources Limited ("Plateau"), a wholly-owned subsidiary of USEG. The Reporting Person is an officer of both USEG and Plateau. The Reporting Person is not a controlling shareholder of Plateau, and therefore does not have a pecuniary interest in the USEG shares held by Plateau, under Rule 16a-1(a)(2)(iii).

(f) Consists of shares held by Sutter Gold Mining Company ("SGMC"), a subsidiary of USEG. The Reporting Person is an officer of USEG and SGMC. The Reporting Person is not a controlling shareholder of SGMC, and therefore does not have a pecuniary interest in the USEG shares held by SGMC, under Rule 16a-1(a)(2)(iii).

(g) Consists of shares held by Crested Corp. ("Crested"), a majority-owned subsidiary of USEG. The Reporting Person is an officer of USEG and an officer and director of Crested. The Reporting Person is not a controlling shareholder of Crested, and therefore does not have a pecuniary interest in the USEG shares held by Crested, under rule 16a-1(a)(2)(iii).

(h) Consists of shares held by Svilar, Inc. a private corporation of which the Reporting Person is a major shareholder, officer and director.

(i) Stock options granted under the Issuer's Incentive Stock Option Plan, and exempt under Rule 16b-3.

Note: Pursuant to SEC Rule 16a-1(a)(2), information on Plateau, SGMC and Crested is not required, however, Registrant has undertaken comprehensive disclosure and reports shares held by Plateau, SGMC and Crested as indirectly owned by the Reporting Person.

The Reporting Person disclaims beneficial and pecuniary interest in the shares reported under footnotes d, e, f and g above.

SIGNATURE OF REPORTING PERSON

/s/ DANIEL P. SVILAR

DATE

July 23, 2001