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Form 8-K  
January 08, 2003

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 and 15(d) of the  
Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (date of earliest event reported):

January 8, 2003 (January 7, 2003)

U.S. ENERGY CORP.

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Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

Wyoming

0-6814

83-0205516

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(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

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(Commission  
File No.)

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(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

Glen L. Larsen Building  
877 North 8th West  
Riverton, WY

82501

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(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

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(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (307) 856-9271

Former fiscal year end May 31; new fiscal year end December 31.

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(Former Name, Former Address or Former Fiscal Year,  
if Changed From Last Report)

ITEM 5. OTHER EVENTS

U.S. Energy Corp. announces that its majority-owned subsidiary Rocky Mountain Gas, Inc. ("RMG") has signed an Option Agreement to acquire certain coalbed methane ("CBM") properties and assets in the Powder River Basin near Gillette, Wyoming. The agreement, with an undisclosed party, covers more than 10,000 gross acres of producing, proven and undeveloped CBM prospects. Under the terms of the agreement, RMG has until April 1, 2003 to complete its due diligence, raise sufficient capital to exercise the option and enter into a

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definitive Agreement for Purchase and Sale of the subject assets.

The optioned properties are reported to be producing CBM from 184 wells producing from various coal seams ranging from 400 to 500 feet in depth. Management believes that several deeper coals are prospective for development and that operational and infrastructure improvements, as well as drilling additional wells, could enhance current production. Included with the properties are various gas gathering contracts, gas purchasing contracts and additional drilling permits. RMG will utilize the services of recently retained Ryder Scott Company Petroleum Consultants of Houston, TX for reservoir evaluations while in the due diligence phase of the Option Agreement.

### Forward Looking Statements

This Report on Form 8-K includes "forward-looking statements" within the meaning of Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"). All statements other than statements of historical fact included in this Report, are forward-looking statements. In addition, whenever words like "expect," "anticipate" or "believe" are used, we are making forward-looking statements.

### SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

U.S. ENERGY CORP.

Dated: January 7, 2003

By: /s/ Daniel P. Svilar

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DANIEL P. SVILAR, Secretary