O'Rourke John Form 4 January 06, 2010

FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading O'Rourke John Issuer Symbol LIME ENERGY CO. [LIME] (Check all applicable) (First) (Middle) (Last) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) Director 10% Owner Other (specify X_ Officer (give title 1280 LANDMEIER RD 01/04/2010 below) below) Chief Operating Officer (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

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(City)	(State) (2	Table Table	I - Non-Do	erivative S	ecuriti	ies Acq	uired, Disposed o	f, or Beneficial	ly Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 3. 4. Securities Acquired onth/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Transaction(A) or Disposed of any Code (D) (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		of	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)		
Lime			Code V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)		
Energy Common Stock	01/04/2010		A	18,801 (1)	A	<u>(2)</u>	169,495	D	

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. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of or Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exerci- Expiration Dat (Month/Day/Y	te	7. Title and A Underlying S (Instr. 3 and	Securities
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Option to purchase Lime Energy Common Stock	\$ 4.42	01/04/2010		A	19,010 (2)	12/31/2010	12/31/2019	Lime Energy Common Stock	19,010
Option to purchase Lime Energy Common Stock	\$ 4.42	01/04/2010		A	19,009	12/31/2011	12/31/2019	Lime Energy Common Stock	19,009
Option to purchase Lime Energy Common Stock	\$ 4.42	01/04/2010		A	19,009	12/31/2012	12/31/2019	Lime Energy Common Stock	19,009

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
•	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
O'Rourke John							
1280 LANDMEIER RD			Chief Operating Officer				
ELK GROVE VILLAGE, IL 60007							
Signatures							

Jeffrey Mistarz, by power of	01/06/2010
attorney	01/00/2010

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

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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).
- (1) Ownership in shares vests ratably on December 31, 2010, December 31, 2011 and December 31, 2012.
- (2) Granted pursuant to the terms of the Company's 2008 Long-term Incentive Plan

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