

O'Rourke John  
 Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
 O'Rourke John

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 1280 LANDMEIER RD  
 (Street)

ELK GROVE VILLAGE, IL 60007

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 LIME ENERGY CO. [LIME]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 01/04/2010

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 Chief Operating Officer

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)  
 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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Lime Energy Common Stock	01/04/2010		A		18,801 (1)	A	(2) 169,495

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)
				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 (2)	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 (2)	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 ELK GROVE VILLAGE, IL 60007			Chief Operating Officer	

## Signatures

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

\_\_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).

(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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