

Hartzell Stephen  
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 \*  
Hartzell Stephen

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
HOUSTON AMERICAN ENERGY CORP [HUSA]

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

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
1001 MCKINNEY, SUITE 805  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
06/11/2012

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

HOUSTON, TX 77002  
(City) (State) (Zip)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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**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)
Common Stock				(A) or (D)	56,000	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)**

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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 Number of Shares
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 2					02/12/2006	08/12/2015	Common Stock	20,000
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 5.45					11/21/2007	05/21/2017	Common Stock	10,000
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 2.05					12/09/2009	06/09/2019	Common Stock	6,600
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 14.08					12/15/2010	06/15/2020	Common Stock	25,000
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 16.07					12/13/2011	06/13/2021	Common Stock	25,000
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 1.65	06/11/2012		A	100,000	12/11/2012 <sup>(1)</sup>	06/11/2022	Common Stock	100,000

**Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Hartzell Stephen 1001 MCKINNEY SUITE 805 HOUSTON, TX 77002	X			

## Signatures

Michael Sanders, Attorney  
in Fact

06/13/2012

\_\_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).

The options vest 20% on grant and 80% on March 11, 2013. 51,825 options are exercisable 6 months from the grant date and 48,175 (1) options are exercisable on and after shareholder approval of amendment to the Company's 2008 Equity Incentive Plan to increase the shares reserved under the Plan to facilitate exercise.

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