

LIME ENERGY CO.  
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**FORM 3 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| <p>1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *</p> <p>Â Torkelson Bruce Daniel</p> <p>(Last) (First) (Middle)</p> <p>C/O LIME ENERGY CO,Â 4<br/>GATEWAY CTR., 4TH FL, 100<br/>MULBERRY ST</p> <p>(Street)</p> <p>NEWARK,Â NJÂ 07102</p> <p>(City) (State) (Zip)</p> | <p>2. Date of Event Requiring Statement</p> <p>(Month/Day/Year)</p> <p>05/02/2016</p> | <p>3. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol</p> <p>LIME ENERGY CO. [LIME]</p> | <p>4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer</p> <p>(Check all applicable)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner<br/><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other<br/>(give title below) (specify below)<br/>Chief Financial Officer</p> | <p>5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)</p> | <p>6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person<br/><input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person</p> |
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**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**

| 1. Title of Security<br>(Instr. 4) | 2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned<br>(Instr. 4) | 3. Ownership Form:<br>Direct (D)<br>or Indirect (I)<br>(Instr. 5) | 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership<br>(Instr. 5) |
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Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

| 1. Title of Derivative Security<br>(Instr. 4) | 2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security<br>(Instr. 4) | 4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) | 6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership<br>(Instr. 5) |
|---|---|--|--|--|--|
|   | Date Exercisable      Expiration Date                       | Title      Amount or Number of   |  |  |  |

|                                    |       |            |                 |                   |      |                                  |   |   |
|------------------------------------|-------|------------|-----------------|-------------------|------|----------------------------------|---|---|
| Option to Purchase<br>Common Stock | Â (1) | 05/02/2026 | Common<br>Stock | Shares<br>100,000 | \$ 0 | or Indirect<br>(I)<br>(Instr. 5) | D | Â |
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## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address  | Relationships |           |                           |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------------------------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                   | Other |
| Torkelson Bruce Daniel<br>C/O LIME ENERGY CO<br>4 GATEWAY CTR., 4TH FL, 100 MULBERRY ST<br>NEWARK, NJ 07102 | Â             | Â         | Â Chief Financial Officer | Â     |

## Signatures

Mary Colleen Brennan 05/10/2016

\_\_Signature of Reporting Person Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(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 reporting person was granted an option to purchase up to an aggregate of 100,000 shares of Common Stock. The option to purchase 33,334 shares will vest on May 2, 2017 and the option to purchase 33,333 shares of Common Stock will vest on each of May 2, 2018 and (1) 2019. Such options will immediately vest upon change of control of the Company or the involuntary termination of the reporting person for reasons other than cause, death or permanent disability. Such options were granted pursuant to the 2008 long-term incentive plan of the Company.

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