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Registration Statement
Under the Securities Act of 1933

U.S. ENERGY CORP.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Wyoming

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

83 0205516

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

877 North 8th West, Riverton, Wyoming 82501; Tel. 307.856.9271

(Address, including zip code, and telephone number, including area code,
of issuer's principal executive offices)

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If any of the securities being registered on this Form are to be offered on a delayed or continuous basis pursuant to Rule 415 under the Securities Act of 1933, other than securities offered only in connection with dividend or interest reinvestment plans, check the following box. [X]

If this Form is filed to register additional securities for an offering pursuant to Rule 462(b) under the Securities Act, please check the following box and list the Securities Act registration statement number of the earlier effective registration statement for the same offering: [] _____

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If this Form is a registration statement pursuant to General Instruction 1.D. or a post-effective amendment thereto that shall become effective upon filing with the Commission pursuant to Rule 462(e) under the Securities Act, check the following box. []

If this Form is a post effective amendment to a registration statement filed pursuant to General Instruction 1.D. filed to register additional securities or additional classes of securities pursuant to Rule 413(b) under the Securities Act, check the following box. []

CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE

| Title of Each Class of Securities to be Registered | Amount of Securities to be Registered In the Offering | Proposed Maximum Offering Price Per Security | Proposed Maximum Aggregate Dollar Price of Securities to be Registered | Amount of Fee |
|----------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|
| Common Stock Shares (1) | 68,531 | \$ 4.33 | \$ 296,739 | \$ 31.75 |
| Common Stock Shares (2) | 10,000,000 | \$ 4.33 | \$ 43,300,000 | \$ 4,633.10 |
| Common Stock Shares (3) | 1,399 | \$ 4.33 | \$ 6,058 | \$ 0.65 |
| Common Stock Shares (4) | 1,000,000 | \$ 4.33 | \$ 4,330,000 | \$ 463.31 |
| Common Stock Shares (5) | 100,000 | \$ 7.15 | \$ 715,000 | \$ 76.51 |
| Total No. of Securities to be Registered | 11,169,930 | | \$ 48,647,797 | \$ 5,205.31 |

- (1) These issued shares are registered for resale by Cornell Capital Partners, LP (“Cornell”).
- (2) These shares are registered for resale after issuance to Cornell under the registrant’s Standby Equity Distribution Agreement (“SEDA”) with Cornell.
- (3) These issued shares are registered for resale by Newbridge Securities Corporation.
- (4) These shares are registered for resale upon exercise of a total of ten milestone warrants (100,000 shares per such warrant). One such warrant shall be issued for each \$5,000,000 of shares sold to Cornell under the SEDA. The exercise price of each warrant will equal the average volume weighted average market price of the registrant’s common shares for the ten trading days immediately preceding the date when one or a group of SEDA advances equal \$5,000,000.
- (5) These shares are registered for resale when issued on exercise of warrants (at \$7.15 per share) held by Cornell.

Pursuant to rule 457(c), registration fee calculations are estimated (i) for the warrant shares based upon the \$7.15 exercise price; and (ii) for outstanding shares, and for the shares issuable under the SEDA, based on the \$4.33 Nasdaq Official Closing Price on July 20, 2006, which is within 5 business days prior to the initial filing of this registration statement, using the fee rate of \$107.00 per million dollars of the aggregate offering market price at that date.

Delaying amendment under rule 473(a): The registrant hereby amends this registration statement on such date or dates as may be necessary to delay its effective date until the registrant shall file a further amendment which specifically states that this registration statement shall become effective in accordance with section 8(a) of the Securities Act of 1933 or until the registration statement shall become effective on such date as the Commission acting pursuant to section 8(a), may determine.

The information in this prospectus is subject to completion or amendment. We may not sell these securities until the registration statement filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission is effective. This prospectus is not an offer to sell these securities and it is not soliciting an offer to buy these securities in any state where the offer or sale is not permitted.

U.S. Energy Corp.
11,169,930 Shares of Common Stock

This prospectus covers the offer and sale of up to 11,169,930 shares of common stock (\$0.01 par value): 69,930 outstanding shares; 100,000 shares issuable on exercise of a warrant at \$7.15 per share; 10,000,000 shares which we may sell to Cornell Capital Partners, LP ("Cornell") under the May 5, 2006 Standby Equity Distribution Agreement (the "SEDA"); and 1,000,000 shares which will be issuable on exercise of up to ten milestone warrants (100,000 shares per such warrant), which warrants shall be issued for each \$5,000,000 of shares sold to Cornell under the SEDA. The exercise price of each warrant will equal the average volume weighted average market price of the registrant's common shares for the ten trading days immediately preceding the date when one or a group of SEDA advances equals \$5,000,000.

In this prospectus, "selling shareholders" refers to Cornell and Newbridge Securities Corporation. For information about the selling shareholders, the transactions in which they acquired the outstanding shares and the warrant: see "Selling Shareholders" and "Standby Equity Distribution Agreement."

U.S. Energy Corp. would receive proceeds of \$715,000 if Cornell exercises its current warrant and another \$50,000,000 if we make maximum use of the SEDA. Because neither the number of milestone warrants to be issued, nor the exercise price thereof, are presently determinable, proceeds from exercise of milestone warrants is not estimated. We will not receive proceeds from Cornell's or Newbridge's sale of issued shares. We will pay all costs (estimated at \$18,500) associated with the registration for resale of the shares covered by this prospectus.

Under the SEDA, we have the right to sell shares to Cornell at a price equal to 98% of the lowest volume weighted average price (the "VWAP") of our common stock during the five trading days immediately following the date we notify Cornell of our intent to sell shares. However, the "market price" cannot be less than the "minimum acceptable price" of 95% of the VWAP on the trading day before we send an advance notice to Cornell. The lowest VWAP for our stock during the five trading days ended July 10, 2006 was \$4.43. Cornell will retain a fee of 2% of the proceeds from each sale under the SEDA (plus \$500 for each transaction), resulting in a net price to Cornell of 96% from the VWAP during the five trading days.

Cornell is an underwriter with respect to sale of the shares. The 4% discount from the market price is an underwriting discount. See "Plan of Distribution." Our stock is traded ("USEG") on the Nasdaq Capital Market (\$4.33 on July 20, 2006).

An investment in the shares offered by this prospectus is speculative and subject to risk of loss. See "Risk Factors" beginning on page 12 and the table of contents on page 4.

Neither the Securities and Exchange Commission nor any securities regulators have approved or disapproved of these securities, or determined if this prospectus is truthful or complete. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.

The date of this prospectus is ____, 2006

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Summary Information

The following summarizes some of the material information found elsewhere in this prospectus and in the information incorporated into this prospectus. This summary is qualified by the more detailed information in this prospectus and the incorporated information.

The Company

U.S. Energy Corp. is a Wyoming corporation (formed in 1966) in the business of acquiring, exploring, developing and/or selling or leasing mineral and other properties. USE and Crested Corp. ("Crested") originally were independent companies, with two common affiliates (John L. Larsen and Max T. Evans; Mr. Evans died in February 2002). In 1980, USE and Crested formed a joint venture ("USECC") to do business together (unless one or the other elected not to pursue an individual project). From time to time, USE has funded many of Crested's obligations because Crested did not have the funds to pay its share of the obligations. Crested has paid a portion of this debt by issuing common stock to USE. At March 31, 2006, Crested owed \$11,410,000 to USE.

Historically, our business strategy has been, and will continue to be, acquiring undeveloped and/or developed mineral properties at low acquisition costs and then operating, selling, leasing or joint venturing the properties, or selling the companies we set up to other companies in the mineral sector at a profit. The Company's business strategy may include investments outside of natural resources.

Typically, projects initially are acquired, financed and operated by USE and Crested in their joint venture (see below). From time to time, some of the projects are then transferred to separate companies organized for that purpose, with the objective of raising capital from an outside source for further development and/or joint venturing with other companies. Examples include: Sutter Gold Mining Inc. ("SGMI") for gold and Rocky Mountain Gas, Inc. ("RMG") for coalbed methane gas, referred to as "CBM". Additional subsidiaries have been organized: U.S. Uranium Ltd. for uranium and U.S. Moly Corp. for molybdenum. Initial ownership of these subsidiaries would be by USE and Crested, with additional stock (plus options) held by their officers, directors and employees.

From 2002 through mid-2005, USE's primary business focus was in the CBM business conducted through RMG. RMG was sold to Enterra Energy Trust (TSX: ENT.UN and NYSE: ENT) on June 1, 2005. Beginning in 2004 and continuing into 2006, commodity prices for the minerals in our other properties increased significantly. Management believes that the rebound in uranium, gold and molybdenum commodity prices presents valuable opportunities.

Management's strategy to generate a return on shareholder capital is to demonstrate prospective value in the mineral properties sufficient to support substantial financing by investment groups, financial institutions and/or large industry partners, and then bring in long term development expertise to move the properties into production. In the alternative, we might sell one or more of the properties (or our subsidiaries which hold the properties) outright, as we did with RMG in 2005.

To demonstrate prospective value in the mineral properties and raise the necessary capital for their development, management is considering having feasibility studies conducted on each of the properties. These studies, to be performed by independent engineering firms, will in general determine the economic feasibility, at commodity prices existing at the time of the studies, of various mine plans for the properties, and various processing (milling) facilities to refine the minerals to saleable commodities, given the known mineral grades in the properties. In some instances, significant additional exploratory drilling may have to be done to further delineate grades as well as the extent of the minerals in the ground, if any.

The principal uncertainties in the successful implementation of our strategy are:

- Whether feasibility studies will show, for any of the properties, that the minerals can be mined and processed profitably. However, it is possible that we may be able to raise capital for (or bring an industry partner into) a property without having a feasibility study prepared. Commodity prices for gold, uranium, and molybdcic oxide (which is the saleable commodity resulting from processing molybdenum), will have to be at levels where an industry partner, and investors, believe the properties could be profitably mined,
- Whether the feasibility studies will show volume and grades of mineralization, and manageable costs of mining and processing, which are sufficient to bring industry partners to the point of investment, and
- Whether we can negotiate terms with industry partners and investors which will return a substantial profit to USE (both initially, and thereafter for its retained interest in the properties). Alternatively, a property (or the subsidiary holding it) might be sold outright.

To some extent, the economic feasibility of a particular property can be changed with modifications to the mine/processing plans (add or not add a circuit to process a particular mineral, enlarge or reduce the production rates and mine plan, etc.). However, overall, the principal drivers to attainment of the business strategy are the quality (extent and grade) of the mineral

(iii): Rupert H. Johnson, Jr.

(iv): Franklin Advisory Services, LLC

(b) Address of Principal Business Office or, if none, Residence

(i), (ii), and (iii):
One Franklin Parkway
San Mateo, CA 94403-1906

(iv): One Parker Plaza, Ninth Floor
Fort Lee, NJ 07024-2938

(c) Citizenship

(i): Delaware
(ii) and (iii): USA
(iv): Delaware

(d) Title of Class of Securities

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Common Stock, no par value

(e) CUSIP Number

913543104

- Item 3. If this statement is filed pursuant to §§240.13d-1(b) or 240.13d-2(b) or (c), check whether the person filing is a:
- (a) Broker or dealer registered under section 15 of the Act (15 U.S.C. 78o).
 - (b) Bank as defined in section 3(a)(6) of the Act (15 U.S.C. 78c).
 - (c) Insurance company as defined in section 3(a)(19) of the Act (15 U.S.C. 78c).
 - (d) Investment company registered under section 8 of the Investment Company Act of 1940 (15 U.S.C 80a-8).
 - (e) An investment adviser in accordance with §240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(E);
 - (f) An employee benefit plan or endowment fund in accordance with §240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(F);
 - (g) A parent holding company or control person in accordance with §240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(G);
 - (h) A savings associations as defined in Section 3(b) of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act (12 U.S.C. 1813);
 - (i) A church plan that is excluded from the definition of an investment company under section 3(c)(14) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 (15 U.S.C. 80a-3);
 - (j) A non-U.S. institution in accordance with §240.13d-1(b)(ii)(J);
 - (k) Group, in accordance with §240.13d 1(b)(1)(ii)(K).

If filing as a non-U.S. institution in accordance with §240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(J), please specify the type of institution:

Item 4. Ownership

The securities reported herein (the “Securities”) are beneficially owned by one or more open- or closed-end investment companies or other managed accounts that are investment management clients of investment managers that are direct and indirect subsidiaries (each, an “Investment Management Subsidiary” and, collectively, the “Investment Management Subsidiaries”) of Franklin Resources, Inc. (“FRI”), including the Investment Management Subsidiaries listed in Item 7. Investment management contracts grant to the Investment Management Subsidiaries all investment and/or

voting power over the securities owned by such investment management clients, unless otherwise noted in this Item 4. Therefore, for purposes of Rule 13d-3 under the Act, the Investment Management Subsidiaries may be deemed to be the beneficial owners of the Securities.

Beneficial ownership by Investment Management Subsidiaries and other affiliates of FRI is being reported in conformity with the guidelines articulated by the SEC staff in Release No. 34-39538 (January 12, 1998) relating to organizations, such as FRI, where related entities exercise voting and investment powers over the securities being reported independently from each other. The voting and investment powers held by Franklin Mutual Advisers, LLC (“FMA”), an indirect wholly-owned Investment Management Subsidiary, are exercised independently from FRI and from all other Investment Management Subsidiaries (FRI, its affiliates and the Investment Management Subsidiaries other than FMA are collectively, “FRI affiliates”). Furthermore, internal policies and procedures of FMA and FRI establish informational barriers that prevent the flow between FMA and the FRI affiliates of information that relates to the voting and investment powers over the securities owned by their respective investment management clients. Consequently, FMA and the FRI affiliates report the securities over which they hold investment and voting power separately from each other for purposes of Section 13 of the Act.

Charles B. Johnson and Rupert H. Johnson, Jr. (the “Principal Shareholders”) each own in excess of 10% of the outstanding common stock of FRI and are the principal stockholders of FRI. FRI and the Principal Shareholders may be deemed to be, for purposes of Rule 13d-3 under the Act, the beneficial owners of securities held by persons and entities for whom or for which FRI subsidiaries provide investment management services. The number of shares that may be deemed to be beneficially owned and the percentage of the class of which such shares are a part are reported in Items 9 and 11 of the cover pages for FRI and each of the Principal Shareholders. FRI, the Principal Shareholders and each of the Investment Management Subsidiaries disclaim any pecuniary interest in any of the Securities. In addition, the filing of this Schedule 13G on behalf of the Principal Shareholders, FRI and FRI affiliates, as applicable, should not be construed as an admission that any of them is, and each of them disclaims that it is, the beneficial owner, as defined in Rule 13d-3, of any of the Securities.

FRI, the Principal Shareholders, and each of the Investment Management Subsidiaries believe that they are not a “group” within the meaning of Rule 13d-5 under the Act and that they are not otherwise required to attribute to each other the beneficial ownership of the Securities held by any of them or by any persons or entities for whom or for which the Investment Management Subsidiaries provide investment management services.

(a) Amount beneficially owned:

1,398,897

(b) Percent of class:

7.2%

(c) Number of shares as to which the person has:

(i) Sole power to vote or to direct the vote

Franklin Resources, Inc.:

0

Charles B. Johnson:

0

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|--------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|
| Rupert H. Johnson, Jr.: | 0 |
| Franklin Advisory Services, LLC: | 1,346,600 |
| (ii) Shared power to vote or to direct the vote | |
| 0 | |
| (iii) Sole power to dispose or to direct the disposition of | |
| Franklin Resources, Inc.: | 0 |
| Charles B. Johnson: | 0 |
| Rupert H. Johnson, Jr.: | 0 |
| Franklin Advisory Services, LLC: | 1,398,897 |
| (iv) Shared power to dispose or to direct the disposition of | 0 |

Item 5. Ownership of Five Percent or Less of a Class

If this statement is being filed to report the fact that as of the date hereof the reporting person has ceased to be the beneficial owner of more than five percent of the class of securities, check the following o.

Item 6. Ownership of More than Five Percent on Behalf of Another Person

The clients of the Investment Management Subsidiaries, including investment companies registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940 and other managed accounts, have the right to receive or power to direct the receipt of dividends from, and the proceeds from the sale of, the Securities.

Item 7. Identification and Classification of the Subsidiary Which Acquired the Security Being Reported on By the Parent Holding Company

See Attached Exhibit C

Item 8. Identification and Classification of Members of the Group

Not Applicable

Item 9. Notice of Dissolution of Group

Not Applicable

Item 10. Certification

By signing below I certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the securities referred to above were acquired and are held in the ordinary course of business and were not acquired and are not held for the purpose of or with the effect of changing or influencing the control of the issuer of the securities and were not acquired and are not held in connection with or as a participant in any transaction having that purpose or effect.

Exhibits

- Exhibit A Joint Filing Agreement
- Exhibit B Limited Powers of Attorney for Section 13 Reporting Obligations
- Exhibit C Item 7 Identification and Classification of Subsidiaries

SIGNATURE

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

Dated: February 1, 2010

Franklin Resources, Inc.

Charles B. Johnson

Rupert H. Johnson, Jr.

By: /s/ROBERT C.ROSSELOT

Robert C. Rosselot
Assistant Secretary of Franklin Resources, Inc.

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Attorney-in-Fact for Charles B. Johnson pursuant to Power of Attorney
attached to this Schedule 13G

Attorney-in-Fact for Rupert H. Johnson, Jr. pursuant to Power of Attorney
attached to this Schedule 13G

Franklin Advisory Services, LLC

By: /s/STEVEN J. GRAY

Steven J. Gray

Assistant Secretary of Franklin Advisory Services, LLC

EXHIBIT A

JOINT FILING AGREEMENT

In accordance with Rule 13d-1(k) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, the undersigned hereby agree to the joint filing with each other of the attached statement on Schedule 13G and to all amendments to such statement and that such statement and all amendments to such statement are made on behalf of each of them.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned have executed this agreement on February 1, 2010.

Franklin Resources, Inc.

Charles B. Johnson

Rupert H. Johnson, Jr.

By: /s/ROBERT C.ROSSELOT

Robert C. Rosselot
Assistant Secretary of Franklin Resources, Inc.

Attorney-in-Fact for Charles B. Johnson pursuant to Power of Attorney
attached to this Schedule 13G

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Franklin Advisory Services, LLC

By: /s/STEVEN J. GRAY

Steven J. Gray
Assistant Secretary of Franklin Advisory Services, LLC

EXHIBIT B

LIMITED POWER OF ATTORNEY
FOR
SECTION 13 REPORTING OBLIGATIONS

Know all by these presents, that the undersigned hereby makes, constitutes and appoints each of Robert Rosselot and Maria Gray, each acting individually, as the undersigned's true and lawful attorney-in-fact, with full power and authority as hereinafter described on behalf of and in the name, place and stead of the undersigned to:

(1) prepare, execute, acknowledge, deliver and file Schedules 13D and 13G (including any amendments thereto or any related documentation) with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission, any national securities exchanges and Franklin Resources, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the "Reporting Entity"), as considered necessary or advisable under Section 13 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder, as amended from time to time (the "Exchange Act"); and

(2) perform any and all other acts which in the discretion of such attorney-in-fact are necessary or desirable for and on behalf of the undersigned in connection with the foregoing.

The undersigned acknowledges that:

- (1) this Limited Power of Attorney authorizes, but does not require, each such attorney-in-fact to act in their discretion on information provided to such attorney-in-fact without independent verification of such information;
- (2) any documents prepared and/or executed by either such attorney-in-fact on behalf of the undersigned pursuant to this Limited Power of Attorney will be in such form and will contain such information and disclosure as such attorney-in-fact, in his or her discretion, deems necessary or desirable;
- (3) neither the Reporting Entity nor either of such attorneys-in-fact assumes (i) any liability for the undersigned's responsibility to comply with the requirements of the Exchange Act or (ii) any liability of the undersigned for any failure to comply with such requirements; and
- (4) this Limited Power of Attorney does not relieve the undersigned from responsibility for compliance with the undersigned's obligations under the Exchange Act, including without limitation the reporting requirements under Section 13 of the

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Exchange Act.

The undersigned hereby gives and grants each of the foregoing attorneys-in-fact full power and authority to do and perform all and every act and thing whatsoever requisite, necessary or appropriate to be done in and about the foregoing matters as fully to all intents and purposes as the undersigned might or could do if present, hereby ratifying all that each such attorney-in-fact of, for and on behalf of the undersigned, shall lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue of this Limited Power of Attorney.

This Limited Power of Attorney shall remain in full force and effect until revoked by the undersigned in a signed writing delivered to each such attorney-in-fact.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has caused this Limited Power of Attorney to be executed as of this 30th day of April, 2007

/s/Charles B. Johnson

Signature

Charles B. Johnson

Print Name

LIMITED POWER OF ATTORNEY
FOR
SECTION 13 REPORTING OBLIGATIONS

Know all by these presents, that the undersigned hereby makes, constitutes and appoints each of Robert Rosselot and Maria Gray, each acting individually, as the undersigned's true and lawful attorney-in-fact, with full power and authority as hereinafter described on behalf of and in the name, place and stead of the undersigned to:

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(2) perform any and all other acts which in the discretion of such attorney-in-fact are necessary or desirable for and on behalf of the undersigned in connection with the foregoing.

The undersigned acknowledges that:

- (1) this Limited Power of Attorney authorizes, but does not require, each such attorney-in-fact to act in their discretion on information provided to such attorney-in-fact without independent verification of such information;
- (2) any documents prepared and/or executed by either such attorney-in-fact on behalf of the undersigned pursuant to this Limited Power of Attorney will be in such form and will contain such information and disclosure as such attorney-in-fact, in his or her discretion, deems necessary or desirable;
- (3) neither the Reporting Entity nor either of such attorneys-in-fact assumes (i) any liability for the undersigned's responsibility to comply with the requirements of the Exchange Act or (ii) any liability of the undersigned for any failure to comply with such requirements; and
- (4) this Limited Power of Attorney does not relieve the undersigned from responsibility for compliance with the undersigned's obligations under the Exchange Act, including without limitation the reporting requirements under Section 13 of the Exchange Act.

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The undersigned hereby gives and grants each of the foregoing attorneys-in-fact full power and authority to do and perform all and every act and thing whatsoever requisite, necessary or appropriate to be done in and about the foregoing matters as fully to all intents and purposes as the undersigned might or could do if present, hereby ratifying all that each such attorney-in-fact of, for and on behalf of the undersigned, shall lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue of this Limited Power of Attorney.

This Limited Power of Attorney shall remain in full force and effect until revoked by the undersigned in a signed writing delivered to each such attorney-in-fact.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has caused this Limited Power of Attorney to be executed as of this 25th day of April, 2007

/s/ Rupert H. Johnson, Jr.
Signature

Rupert H. Johnson, Jr.
Print Name

EXHIBIT C

Franklin Advisory Services, LLC

Item 3 Classification: 3(e)