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(Print or Type Responses)

1(b).

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * **Desmond Joseph Francis**

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

Symbol

LIME ENERGY CO. [LIME]

(Check all applicable)

(First) (Middle) (Last)

(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year) 01/02/2009

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

4164 GRANT COURT

4. If Amendment, Date Original

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

X 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

PLEASANTON, CA 94566

(Instr. 3)

(City) (State) (Zip) 1. Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security

4. Securities (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

5. Amount of 6. Ownership 7. Nature of Securities Form: Direct Indirect Beneficially (D) or Indirect Beneficial Owned Ownership Following (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

Reported (A) Transaction(s) or (Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price

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 3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed 5. Number 6. Date Exercisable and 7. Title and Amount of 4. Derivative Conversion (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Transaction of Derivative **Expiration Date Underlying Securities** Security or Exercise Code Securities (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 3 and 4) (Instr. 3) Price of (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Acquired

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	Derivative Security				(A) or Disposed (D) (Instr. 3, and 5)					
			Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Option to Purchase Lime Energy Co Common Stock	\$ 4.65	01/02/2009	A		3,572		01/02/2009	01/02/2019	Lime Energy Co Common Stock	3,572
Option to Purchase Lime Energy Co Common Stock	\$ 4.65	01/02/2009	A		3,571		01/02/2010	01/02/2019	Lime Energy Co Common Stock	3,571

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
• 0	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
Desmond Joseph Francis 4164 GRANT COURT PLEASANTON, CA 94566	X						
Signatures							

Tammy Hogue, by power of 01/06/2009 attorney

**Signature of Reporting Person

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) Issued pursuant to Lime Energy's Directors' Stock Option Plan.

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