CIMAREX ENERGY CO

Form 4

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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1(b).

Common

Stock

12/12/2016

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and BELL STE	Address of Reporting EPHEN P	Symb	suer Name ar ol AREX EN			s	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)			
(Last)		(Mont	te of Earliest 'th/Day/Year)	Transaction	1	-	Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify			
3700 LINC	COLN STREET S	UITE 12/12	2/2016			t	elow)	below) Ex VP	er (specify	
	(Street)		Filed(Month/Day/Year)				6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person			
DENVER,	CO 80203					_	Form filed by M Person	ore than One Re	eporting	
(City)	(State)	(Zip) T	able I - Non	-Derivative	e Secu	rities Acqui	ired, Disposed of,	or Beneficial	lly Owned	
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, is any (Month/Day/Year	Code	4. Securit ord Dispos (Instr. 3, 4)	ed of		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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
Common Stock	12/12/2016		J	18,696	A	\$ 0	18,696	I	By revocable trust	
Common Stock	12/12/2016		F	16,304 (1)	D	\$ 143.635	115,783	D		

18,696

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\$0

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	2.	3. Transaction Date		4.	5.	6. Date Exerc		7. Title		8. Price of	9. Nu
Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)	of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)			Amour Underl Securit (Instr.	lying	Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	Deriv Secur Bene Own Follo Repo Trans (Instr
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

BELL STEPHEN P

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DENVER, CO 80203

Signatures

Francis B. Barron, as Attorney-in-Fact

**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) Relates to performance award with a vesting date of 12/12/2016. Represents shares vested but withheld for taxes as permitted by the award agreement.
- (2) Represents 12/12/2016 vested shares, which upon vesting were transferred to a trust.
- (3) The amount of shares reported in column 5 as beneficially owned represent shares subject to service-based vesting and the satisfaction of certain performance criteria.

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