

CIMAREX ENERGY CO

Form 4

December 13, 2016

FORM 4**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
BELL STEPHEN P

(Last) (First) (Middle)

1700 LINCOLN STREET SUITE
3700

(Street)

DENVER, CO 80203

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading
Symbol
CIMAREX ENERGY CO [XEC]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
12/12/2016

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

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

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	12/12/2016		J	18,696 A	\$ 0	18,696	I
Common Stock	12/12/2016		F	16,304 (1)	\$ 143.635	115,783	D
Common Stock	12/12/2016		J	18,696 (2) (3)	\$ 0	97,087	D

By
revocable
trust

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 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)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (Instr. 10)
				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 1700 LINCOLN STREET SUITE 3700 DENVER, CO 80203	Ex VP

Signatures

Francis B. Barron, as
Attorney-in-Fact 12/13/2016

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

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- (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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