

Lambuth John
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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
Lambuth John

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
1700 LINCOLN STREET SUITE
3700

(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
12/07/2017

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
____ Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
SVP-Exploration

DENVER, CO 80203

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
X Form filed by One Reporting Person
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(City) (State) (Zip)

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 Indirect Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V Amount (A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock	12/07/2017		A	38,006 (1) A \$ 0	144,538	D	
Common Stock	12/10/2017		F	18,470 (2) (3) D \$ 111.9	126,068	D	

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. Nu Deriv Secur Benef Own Follo Repo Trans (Instr
						Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Lambuth John 1700 LINCOLN STREET SUITE 3700 DENVER, CO 80203			SVP-Exploration	

Signatures

Francis B. Barron, as
Attorney-in-Fact
**Signature of Reporting Person 12/11/2017 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) Represents a performance award of restricted stock that is subject to three-year cliff vesting ending on 12/1/2020 and the satisfaction of certain performance criteria.
- (2) Relates to performance award with a vesting date of 12/10/2017. Represents shares vested but withheld for taxes as permitted by the award agreement.
- (3) The amount of securities beneficially owned as reported in column 5 includes 104,887 shares subject to service-based vesting and the satisfaction of certain performance criteria.

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