CIMAREX ENERGY CO

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Abbott Gary R | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer | | | | |
|---|---------|----------|---|--|--|--|--|--|
| (Last) | (First) | (Middle) | CIMAREX ENERGY CO [XEC] 3. Date of Earliest Transaction | (Check all applicable) | | | | |
| 1700 LINCOLN STREET, SUITE 1800 (Street) | | | (Month/Day/Year) 03/31/2006 | Director 10% Owner Selection Officer (give title Other (special below) | | | | |
| | | | 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 | | | | |
| DENVER, CO 80203-4518 | | | | Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | | | | |

| (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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securi oner Dispos (Instr. 3, | sed 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 | 03/31/2006 | | S | 3,317 | D | \$ 43.1624 | 45,250 (1) | D | | |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | 1,092 | I | By 401(k) | |

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 | 3A. Deemed | 4. | 5. | 6. Date Exerc | cisable and | 7. Titl | e and | 8. Price of | 9. Nu |
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| Derivative | Conversion | (Month/Day/Year) | Execution Date, if | Transaction | orNumber | Expiration D | ate | Amou | int of | Derivative | Deriv |
| Security | or Exercise | | any | Code | of | (Month/Day/ | Year) | Under | lying | Security | Secui |
| (Instr. 3) | Price of | | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 8) | Derivative | e | | Secur | ities | (Instr. 5) | Bene |
| | Derivative | | | | Securities | | | (Instr. | 3 and 4) | | Own |
| | Security | | | | Acquired | | | | | | Follo |
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| | | | | | 4, and 5) | | | | | | |
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| | | | | | | | | | Amount | | |
| | | | | | | Date | Expiration | TC'41 | or | | |
| | | | | | | Exercisable Date | Title Number | | | | |
| | | | | C 1 17 | (A) (D) | | | | of | | |
| | | | | Code V | (A) (D) | | | | Shares | | |

Reporting Owners

Relationships Reporting Owner Name / Address

Officer 10% Owner Other Director

Abbott Gary R 1700 LINCOLN STREET, SUITE 1800 DENVER, CO 80203-4518

Vice President

Signatures

Paul Korus 04/03/2006 **Signature of Date 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).
- Includes 24,000 shares of restricted stock subject to three-year cliff vesting and the satisfaction of certain performance criteria and 21,250 stock units which may only be settled in shares of common stock on a one-for-one basis.

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