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Form 4 January 05, 2	2010											
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UNITED STATE				ITIES A hington,		COMMISSION	OMB Number:	3235-0287				
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Subject to					ling Com	Estimated average burden hours per response 0. n						
(Print or Type I	Responses)											
1. Name and A BELL STEP	ddress of Reporti PHEN P	ing Person [*]	Symbol	Name and			-	5. Relationship of Issuer	Reporting Per	rson(s) to		
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	CIMAREX ENERGY CO [XEC] 3. Date of Earliest Transaction					(Check all applicable)				
1700 LINC 1800	OLN STREET	SUITE	(Month/D 01/02/20	-				Director Officer (give below)		% Owner her (specify		
DENVER, O	(Street)			ndment, Da th/Day/Year)	-			6. Individual or Jo Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by M Form filed by M Person		erson		
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Tabl	• I - Non-D	erivative S	ecuri	ties Acc	uired, Disposed o	f. or Beneficia	llv Owned		
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction I (Month/Day/Ye	ear) Executio any		3. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securit n(A) or Dis (D) (Instr. 3, 4	ies Ac sposed 4 and 5 (A) or	quired of	5. Amount of	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial		
Common Stock				Code v	Amount	(D)	Price	47,185 <u>(1)</u>	I	By revocable trust		
Common Stock	01/02/2010			D	1,200 (2)	D	\$0	153,355	D			
Common Stock	01/02/2010			F	11,955 (3)	D	\$0	141,400	D			
Common Stock	01/02/2010			J	16,845 (4)	D	\$0	124,555	D			
Common Stock	01/04/2010			А	50,000 (5)	А	\$0	174,555	D			

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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	isable and	7. Titl	e and	8. Price of	9. Nu
Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transacti	onNumber	Expiration Da	ate	Amou	nt of	Derivative	Deriv
Security	or Exercise		any	Code	of	(Month/Day/	Year)	Under	lying	Security	Secu
(Instr. 3)	Price of		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Derivative	e		Securi	ties	(Instr. 5)	Bene
	Derivative				Securities			(Instr.	3 and 4)		Owne
	Security				Acquired						Follo
	•				(A) or						Repo
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					4, and 5)						
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									Amount		
						Date	Expiration		or		
						Exercisable	-		Number		
					(\mathbf{A}) (\mathbf{D})				of		
				Code V	(A) (D)				Shares		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
	Director 10% Owne		Officer	Other			
BELL STEPHEN P 1700 LINCOLN STREET SUITE 1800 DENVER, CO 80203			Sr VP				
Signatures							

Thomas A. Richardson, attorney 01/05/2010 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) Includes the transfer on 1/2/2010 of 16,845 shares from direct ownership to indirect ownership.
- (2) Relates to performance award with a vesting date of 1/2/10. Represents shares forfeited pursuant to performance criteria.
- $\begin{array}{l} \textbf{(3)} \\ \text{agreement.} \end{array} \\ \begin{array}{l} \text{Relates to performance award with a vesting date of } 1/2/10. \\ \text{Represents shares vested but withheld for taxes as permitted by the award agreement.} \end{array}$
- (4) Represents transfer from direct ownership to indirect ownership by Mr. Bell's revocable trust.
- (5) Represents a performance award of restricted stock that is subject to three-year cliff vesting and the satisfaction of certain performance criteria.

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