

CIMAREX ENERGY CO
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FORM 4

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
HOLLEMAN PAUL D

(Last) (First) (Middle)

1700 LINCOLN STREET, SUITE 1800

(Street)

DENVER, CO 80203-4518

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
 (Month/Day/Year)
05/17/2006

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 below) Other (specify below)

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

Form filed by One Reporting Person
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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	05/17/2006		A	(A) or (D) 2,477 (1)	\$ 0 6,285	D	
Common Stock					2,000	I	By Keough Account

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)

Table with 9 columns: 1. Title of Derivative Security, 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security, 3. Transaction Date, 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any, 4. Transaction Code, 5. Number of Derivative Securities, 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date, 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities, 8. Price of Derivative Security, 9. Number of Derivative Securities. Includes sub-headers for relationships like Director, 10% Owner, Officer, Other, and Date Exercisable/Expiration Date.

Reporting Owners

Table for Reporting Owners with columns: Reporting Owner Name / Address, Relationships (Director, 10% Owner, Officer, Other). Example entry: HOLLEMAN PAUL D, 1700 LINCOLN STREET, SUITE 1800 DENVER, CO 80203-4518, Director: X.

Signatures

Paul Korus, attorney-in-fact 05/18/2006
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) The restricted stock vests in three equal annual installments, beginning on May 17, 2007.
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