

CIMAREX ENERGY CO
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FORM 4

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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 *
HELMERICH HANS

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O CIMAREX ENERGY
 CO., 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)
02/21/2017

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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V Amount (D) Price			
Common Stock					13,878 ⁽¹⁾	D	
Common Stock					49,496	I	Trustee, 1993 Hans Helmerich Trust
Common Stock					11,450 ⁽²⁾	I	By Wife
Common Stock					1,062	I	Co-Manager of Helmerich

Common Stock									Grandchildren LLC
Common Stock						7,865	I		Trustee of Family Trust
Common Stock						325,000	I		Peggy Helmerich QTIP Trust (fka Trustee of Estate of W.H. Helmerich III)
Common Stock	02/21/2017		G	1,120	D	\$ 0	42,405	I	Co-Trustee of The Helmerich Trust (fka Co-Trustee of The Helmerich Foundation)
Common Stock	02/21/2017		G	1,450	D	\$ 0	40,955	I	Co-Trustee of The Helmerich Trust (fka Co-Trustee of The Helmerich Foundation)

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 Bene Own Follo Repo Trans (Instr
						Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
						Code	V	(A)	(D)

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
HELMERICH HANS C/O CIMAREX ENERGY CO. 1700 LINCOLN STREET, SUITE 3700 DENVER, CO 80203				

Signatures

Francis B. Barron, as Attorney-in-Fact	02/21/2017
<small>**Signature of Reporting Person</small>	<small>Date</small>

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 3,061 shares of restricted stock subject to service-based vesting.
 - (2) Mr. Helmerich disclaims beneficial ownership of these shares.

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