Abbott Gary R Form 4 December 10, 2018

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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Abbott Gary R Issuer Symbol CIMAREX ENERGY CO [XEC] (Check all applicable) (First) (Middle) (Last) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) Director 10% Owner Other (specify Officer (give title 1700 LINCOLN STREET SUITE 12/06/2018 below) 3700 Vice President (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting DENVER, CO 80203 Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 4. Securities Acquired 5. Amount of 7. Nature of Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Securities Ownership Indirect (Instr. 3) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Beneficially Form: Direct Beneficial (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Owned (D) or Ownership (Instr. 4)

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			Code V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	(Instr. 4)
Common Stock					` '		1,535	I
Common Stock	12/06/2018		A	12,268 (1)	A	\$0	126,180	D
Common Stock	12/06/2018		A	10,248 (2)	A	\$0	136,428	D
Common Stock	12/09/2018		F	6,530 (3) (4)	D	\$ 75.22	129,898	D
Common Stock	12/09/2018		J	6,671 (5)	D	\$ 75.22	123,227	D

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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
Derivativ	e Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transacti	orNumber	Expiration Da	ate	Amou	nt of	Derivative	J
Security	or Exercise		any	Code	of	(Month/Day/	Year)	Under	lying	Security	,
(Instr. 3)	Price of		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Derivative	e		Secur	ities	(Instr. 5)]
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					of (D)						(
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					4, and 5)						
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						Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title			
				Code V	(A) (D)						
				Code V	(A) (D)		*	Title	Number of Shares		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Abbott Gary R 1700 LINCOLN STREET SUITE 3700 DENVER, CO 80203

Vice President

Signatures

Francis B. Barron, as Attorney-in-Fact

12/10/2018

**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) Represents an award of restricted stock that will vest in its entirety on December 1, 2021 provided that the reporting person remains in the continuous employment of Cimarex through that date.
- (2) Represents a performance award of restricted stock that is subject to the satisfaction of certain performance criteria through December 1, 2021 provided that the reporting person remains in continuous employment with Cimarex through that date.
- (3) Relates to performance award with a vesting date of 12/9/2018. Represents shares vested but withheld for taxes as permitted by the award agreement.
- (4) The amount of securities beneficially owned as reported in column 5 includes 12,268 shares of restricted stock subject to service-based vesting and 48,613 shares subject to service-based vesting and the satisfaction of certain performance criteria.

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(5) Represents shares forfeited pursuant to performance conditions under a Performance Award Agreement.

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