CIMAREX ENERGY CO

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and A MERELLI F		orting Person *	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol CIMAREX ENERGY CO [XEC]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer				
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction	(Check all applicable)				
1700 LINCO 1800	OLN STREE	ET, SUITE	(Month/Day/Year) 12/11/2006	_X Director 10% Owner X Officer (give title Other (specify below) Chairman, CEO, President				
	(Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check				
DENVER, O	CO 80203-4:	518	Filed(Month/Day/Year)	Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person				
(City)	(State)	(Zip)		· ID· IO D C·IIO				

(City)	(State) (Zip) Table	e I - Non-D	erivative	Secur	ities Acqu	uired, Disposed of	f, or Beneficial	y Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3. 4. Securities Acquired Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)		
Common	10/11/2006		Code V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)		
Stock	12/11/2006		P	900	A	\$ 37.1	367,200 <u>(1)</u>	D	
Common Stock	12/11/2006		P	5,000	A	\$ 37.2	372,200 (1)	D	
Common Stock	12/11/2006		P	4,000	A		376,200 (1)	D	
Common Stock	12/11/2006		P	5,000	A	\$ 37.35	381,200 (1)	D	
Common Stock	12/11/2006		P	6,000	A	\$ 37.36	387,200 <u>(1)</u>	D	

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Common Stock	12,346	I	By 401(k)
Common Stock	152,300	I	By IRA

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)	4. Transac Code (Instr. 8	ction C	Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		ate	7. Titl Amou Under Securi (Instr.	nt of lying	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)
			Code	V ((A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	

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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address		Relationships		
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
MERELLI F H				
1700 LINCOLN STREET, SUITE 1800	X		Chairman, CEO, President	
DENVER, CO 80203-4518				

Signatures

Paul Korus,
attorney-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 211,200 stock units that vest in five equal annual installments beginning on December 6, 2003 and become payable in shares of common stock on December 6, 2010. Also includes 60,000 shares of restricted stock that vest on January 3, 2009 and are subject to

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certain performance criteria.

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