

Barron Francis Brian  
 Form 4  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
 Barron Francis Brian

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
 (Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 1700 LINCOLN STREET SUITE  
 3700  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
 (Month/Day/Year)  
 12/06/2018

\_\_\_\_ Director  
 \_\_\_\_ Officer (give title below)  
 \_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 \_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 Sr VP-General Counsel

DENVER, CO 80203

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

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(City) (State) (Zip)

**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 or Price   |  |   |
| Common Stock                    | 12/06/2018                           |  | A                              |   | 12,599<br>(1)   | A  | \$ 0 99,322 D   |
| Common Stock                    | 12/06/2018                           |  | A                              |   | 10,525<br>(2)   | A  | \$ 0 109,847 D  |
| Common Stock                    | 12/09/2018                           |  | F                              |   | 6,095<br>(3)  | D  | \$ 75.22 103,752 D                                    |
| Common Stock                    | 12/09/2018                           |  | J                              |   | 6,226<br>(4) (5)  | D  | \$ 75.22 97,526 D                                     |

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. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 5) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--|--|
|  |  |                                      |  | Code                           | V (A) (D)   | Date Exercisable   | Expiration Date   | Title                                      | Amount or Number of Shares                                       |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address   | Relationships |           |                             |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|-----------------------------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                     | Other |
| Barron Francis Brian<br>1700 LINCOLN STREET SUITE 3700<br>DENVER, CO 80203 |               |           | Sr<br>VP-General<br>Counsel |       |

## Signatures

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

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The amount of securities beneficially owned as reported in column 5 includes 12,599 shares of restricted stock subject to service-based vesting and 54,402 shares subject to service-based vesting and the satisfaction of certain performance criteria.

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