CIMAREX ENERGY CO

Form 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * MERELLI F H | | | 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) | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction | (Check an applicable) | | | |
| 1700 LINCOL 1800 | N STREET, | SUITE | (Month/Day/Year) 12/07/2006 | _X_ Director 10% Owner Specify below) | | | |
| | (Street) | | 4. If Amendment, Date Original | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check | | | |
| DENVER, CO 80203-4518 | | | Filed(Month/Day/Year) | Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | | | |

| (City) | (State) (| Zip) Table | e I - Non-D | erivative | Secur | ities Acq | uired, Disposed of | f, or Beneficial | ly Owned |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---|--|---|------------------|-------------|--|--|---|
| 1.Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transactic Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired on(A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | | | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
| | | | Code V | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price | Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | | |
| Common Stock | 12/07/2006 | | P | 300 | A | \$ 37.6 | 345,600 (1) | D | |
| Common Stock | 12/07/2006 | | P | 2,000 | A | \$ 37.65 | 347,600 (1) | D | |
| Common Stock | 12/07/2006 | | P | 2,000 | A | \$ 37.8 | 349,600 (1) | D | |
| Common Stock | 12/07/2006 | | P | 1,000 | A | \$ 37.9 | 350,600 (1) | D | |
| Common Stock | 12/08/2006 | | P | 4,000 | A | \$ 37.5 | 354,600 <u>(1)</u> | D | |

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| Common Stock | 12/08/2006 | P | 1,000 | A | \$ 37.55 | 355,600 <u>(1)</u> | D | |
|-----------------|------------|---|-------|---|-------------|--------------------|---|-----------|
| Common Stock | 12/08/2006 | P | 2,700 | A | \$ 37.6 | 358,300 (1) | D | |
| Common Stock | 12/08/2006 | P | 1,000 | A | \$ 37.65 | 359,300 (1) | D | |
| Common Stock | 12/08/2006 | P | 3,000 | A | \$ 37.7 | 362,300 (1) | D | |
| Common Stock | 12/08/2006 | P | 2,000 | A | \$ 37.8 | 364,300 (1) | D | |
| Common Stock | 12/08/2006 | P | 2,000 | A | \$ 37.9 | 366,300 (1) | D | |
| 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 | 2. | 3. Transaction Date | 3A. Deemed | 4. | 5. | 6. Date Exerc | isable and | 7. Titl | e and | 8. Price of | 9 |
|-------------|-------------|---------------------|--------------------|-------------|------------|------------------|------------|---------|----------|-------------|---|
| Derivative | Conversion | (Month/Day/Year) | Execution Date, if | Transaction | orNumber | Expiration Da | ite | 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 | | Securi | ities | (Instr. 5) |] |
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| | Security | | | | Acquired | | | | | |] |
| | | | | | (A) or | | | | | | J |
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| | | | | | 4, and 5) | | | | | | |
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| | | | | | | Exercisable Date | Title Num | Number | | | |
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| | | | | Code V | (A) (D) | | | | Shares | | |

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Reporting Owners 2

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MERELLI F H
1700 LINCOLN STREET, SUITE 1800 X Chairman, CEO, President
DENVER, CO 80203-4518

Signatures

Paul Korus,
attorney-in-fact 12/11/2006

**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).
- 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 certain performance criteria.

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