Lambuth John Form 4 December 15, 2017

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

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1(b).

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person ** Lambuth John			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer			
			CIMAREX ENERGY CO [XEC]	(Check all applicable)			
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction				
			(Month/Day/Year)	Director 10% Owner			
1700 LINCOLN STREET SUITE			12/13/2017	Officer (give title Other (specify			
				below) below) SVP-Exploration			
			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			
DENVER, CO 80203				Form filed by More than One Reporting			
				Person			
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Table I Non Derivative Securities Age	ruined Disposed of an Popoficially Owner			

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tak	ole I - Non-	-Derivative	Secu	rities Acquire	ed, Disposed of, o	or Beneficially	y Owned
1.Title of Security	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if	3. Transactio	4. SecuritionDisposed		quired (A) or	5. Amount of Securities	6. Ownership	7. Nature of Indirect
(Instr. 3)		any	Code	(Instr. 3, 4	and 5	5)	Beneficially	Form:	Beneficial
		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)				Owned	Direct (D)	Ownership
							Following	or Indirect	(Instr. 4)
					(4)		Reported	(I)	
					(A)		Transaction(s)	(Instr. 4)	
			Code V	Amount	(D)	Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)		
Common Stock	12/13/2017		S	13,000 (1) (2)	D	\$ 113.7384	113,068	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)

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1.	Title of	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5.	6. Date Exer	cisable and	7. Titl	le and	8. Price of	9. Nu
D	erivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transacti	onNumber	Expiration D	ate	Amou	ınt of	Derivative	Deriv
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							Lacicisable	Date		of		
					Code V	(A) (D)				Shares		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Lambuth John 1700 LINCOLN STREET SUITE 3700 DENVER, CO 80203

SVP-Exploration

Signatures

Francis B. Barron, as 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).
- The price reported in Column 4 for December 13, 2017 sales is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$113.2800 to \$114.2500, inclusive. The reporting person undertakes to provide to Cimarex Energy Co., any security holder of Cimarex Energy Co. or the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission, upon request, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price within the ranges set forth in this footnote.
- (2) The amount of shares beneficially owned as reported in column 5 includes 104,887 shares of restricted stock subject to service-based vesting and the satisfaction of certain performance criteria.

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