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FORM 4

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Abbott Gary R			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol CIMAREX ENERGY CO [XEC]						5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer			
(Last) 1700 LINCO 1800	(First) (N	Middle) JITE	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 01/02/2012					(Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify below) Vice President				
DENVER, (4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)						6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check 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	, or Beneficial	y Owned	
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)			Code (Instr. 8		4. Securities Acquired n(A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (A) or Amount (D) Price			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)		
Common Stock									1,312	I	By 401(k)	
Common Stock	01/02/2012			F		9,934	D	\$ 62.46	116,202	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)	of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3,			7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Nu Deriv Secur Bene Owne Follo Repo Trans (Instr
				Code V	4, and 5) (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		

Reporting Owners

Relationships Reporting Owner Name / Address

Officer Director 10% Owner Other

Abbott Gary R 1700 LINCOLN STREET SUITE 1800 DENVER, CO 80203

Vice President

Signatures

Thomas A. Richardson, attorney in fact

01/04/2012

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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