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OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Form 3 Holdings Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section Reported 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 Form 4

Transactions Reported

1. Name and AdhenTSCHE	•	_	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. Statement for Issuer's Fiscal Year Ended (Month/Day/Year) 12/31/2011	Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify				
C/O CIMAREX ENERGY CO., 1700 LINCOLN STREET, SUITE 1800		_		below) below)				
(Street)			4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Reporting (check applicable line)				
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(City)	(State) (Z	Zip) Table	e I - Non-Deri	vative Secu	rities	Acqui	red, Disposed o	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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		(A) or of (D) and 5 (A) or		5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned at end of Issuer's Fiscal Year (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	05/18/2011	Â	A	1,779 (1)	A	\$0	15,876	D	Â

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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(Zip)

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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 Exerc	cisable and	7. Title	e and	8. Price of	
Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transaction	Number	Expiration D	ate	Amou	nt of	Derivative	
Security	or Exercise		any	Code	of	(Month/Day/	Year)	Under	lying	Security	
(Instr. 3)	Price of		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Derivative	e		Securi	ties	(Instr. 5)	
	Derivative				Securities			(Instr.	3 and 4)		
	Security				Acquired						
					(A) or						
					Disposed						
					of (D)						
					(Instr. 3,						
					4, and 5)						
									Amount		
									or		
						Date	Expiration		Number		
						Exercisable	Date		of		
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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
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HENTSCHEL DAVID A							
C/O CIMAREX ENERGY CO.	â	Â	â	â			
1700 LINCOLN STREET, SUITE 1800	А	A	Α	A			
DENVER. CO 80203							

Signatures

Reporting Person

Thomas A. Richardson

**Signature of Date

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- * 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 annual grant of restricted stock as partial payment of director fees. The award vests in 3 equal annual installments beginning on 5/18/2012.

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