## Edgar Filing: CIMAREX ENERGY CO - Form 4

| CIMAREX E   | ENERGY CO                                |            |  |              |   |         |  |   |  |             |  |
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| Form 4  |  |            |  |              |   |         |  |   |  |             |  |
| December 11   | , 2014                                   |            |  |              |   |         |  |   |  |             |  |
| FORM  | 14                                       |            |  |              |   |         |  |   |  | PPROVAL     |  |
| Washington, D.C. 20549  |  |            |  |              |   |         |  | OMB<br>Number:  | 3235-0287  |             |  |
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| Section 16.<br>Form 4 or  |  |            | F CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWN<br>SECURITIES  |              |   |         |  | NERSHIP OF  | Estimated a burden hou response                                      |             |  |
| Form 5<br>obligation<br>may cont<br><i>See</i> Instru<br>1(b).    | inue. Section 17                         | (a) of the |  | ility Hold   | ing Comp  | pany .  | Act of   | e Act of 1934,<br>f 1935 or Sectio<br>40  | n  |             |  |
| (Print or Type F  | Responses)                               |            |  |              |   |         |  |   |  |             |  |
| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person <u>*</u><br>ALBI JOSEPH R |  |            | 2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading<br>Symbol<br>CIMAREX ENERGY CO [XEC] |              |   |         | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to<br>Issuer  |   |  |             |  |
| (Last)  | (First)                                  | (Middle)   | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction  |              |   |         |  | (Check all applicable)  |  |             |  |
| 1700 LINCOLN STREET SUITE<br>3700                                 |  |            | (Month/Day/Year)<br>12/10/2014   |              |   |         | Director       10% Owner         Officer (give title       Other (specify below)         Executive VP, COO |   |  |             |  |
| (Street)  |  |            | 4. If Amendment, Date Original<br>Filed(Month/Day/Year)                          |              |   |         |  | <ul><li>6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check</li><li>Applicable Line)</li><li>_X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person</li></ul> |  |             |  |
| DENVER, O   | CO 80203                                 |            |  |              |   |         |  | Form filed by M<br>Person   | Iore than One Re   | porting     |  |
| (City)  | (State)                                  | (Zip)      | Table  | e I - Non-Do | erivative So  | ecuriti | ies Acq  | uired, Disposed of  | f, or Beneficial   | ly Owned    |  |
| 1.Title of<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3)                              | (Month/Day/Year) Executio<br>str. 3) any |            | med<br>on Date, if<br>Day/Year)  | Code         | 4. Securities Acquired<br>on(A) or Disposed of<br>(D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4 and 5)<br>(A)<br>or<br>Amount (D) Price |         |  | 5. Amount of<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 3 and 4)                  | 6. Ownership<br>Form: Direct<br>(D) or<br>Indirect (I)<br>(Instr. 4) |             |  |
| Common<br>Stock   |  |            |  |              |   |         |  | 800   | I  | By IRA      |  |
| Common<br>Stock   |  |            |  |              |   |         |  | 199   | I  | By 401(k)   |  |
| Common<br>Stock   |  |            |  |              |   |         |  | 50,287  | I  | By Trust    |  |
| Common<br>Stock   | 12/10/2014                               |            |  | А            | 43,457<br>(1) (2) (3)   | А       | \$0  | 128,227   | 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<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2.<br>Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | 3. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 4.<br>Transactic<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 5.<br>ofNumber<br>of<br>Derivative<br>Securities<br>Acquired<br>(A) or<br>Disposed<br>of (D)<br>(Instr. 3,<br>4, and 5) |                     | ate                | Secur | unt of<br>rlying                       | 8. Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 5) | 9. Nu<br>Deriv<br>Secur<br>Bene<br>Owno<br>Follo<br>Repo<br>Trans<br>(Instr |
|---|---|---|--|---|---------------------|--------------------|-------|--|---|---|
|   |   |   | Code V                                 | (A) (D)   | Date<br>Exercisable | Expiration<br>Date | Title | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of<br>Shares |   |   |

## **Reporting Owners**

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                      | Relationships |           |                   |       |  |  |  |
|---|---------------|-----------|-------------------|-------|--|--|--|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer           | Other |  |  |  |
| ALBI JOSEPH R<br>1700 LINCOLN STREET SUITE 3700<br>DENVER, CO 80203 |               |           | Executive VP, COO |       |  |  |  |
| Signatures  |               |           |                   |       |  |  |  |
| Francis B. Barron, as<br>Attorney-in-Fact                           | 12/11/        | 2014      |                   |       |  |  |  |
| **Signature of Reporting Person                                     | Dat           | e         |                   |       |  |  |  |

## **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) The amount of shares reported in column 5 as beneficially owned represent shares subject to service-based vesting and the satisfaction of certain performance criteria.

The number of shares shown is a preliminary estimate that is subject to adjustment upon the completion by an outside consultant of a(2) Monte Carlo simulation of the number of shares necessary to equal the grant date fair value of the performance share award approved by the Compensation and Governance Committee. Upon the completion of the final report, an amended Form 4 will be filed if necessary.

(3) Represents a performance award of restricted stock that is subject to three-year cliff vesting and the satisfaction of certain performance criteria.

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