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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Check all applicable) (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) Director 10% Owne 1700 LINCOLN STREET, SUITE 12/07/2017 Officer (give title Other (spectable)) VP-Human Resources (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person	1. Name and Address of Re Johnson Krista L	porting Person *	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer			
(Month/Day/Year) 1700 LINCOLN STREET, SUITE 12/07/2017 (Street) (Month/Day/Year) 12/07/2017 (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting			CIMAREX ENERGY CO [XEC]	(Check all applicable)			
1700 LINCOLN STREET, SUITE 12/07/2017 13/07/2017 14/07/2017 15/07/2017 15/07/2017 16	(Last) (First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction				
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	(Street)		, ,	,			
	DENVER, CO 80203			Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Table	e I - Non-D	erivative S	Securi	ties Acqu	ired, Disposed of	, or Beneficiall	y 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)	4. Securition(A) or Dis (Instr. 3, 4	sposed and 5	of (D)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code V	Amount	or (D)	Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)		
Common Stock	12/07/2017		A	23,474 (1)	A	\$0	66,412	D	
Common Stock	12/10/2017		F	1,945 (2) (3)	D	\$ 111.9	64,467	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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				Code V	(A) (I))				Snares		

Reporting Owners

Relationships Reporting Owner Name / Address

> Officer Other Director 10% Owner

Johnson Krista L 1700 LINCOLN STREET **SUITE 3700** DENVER, CO 80203

VP-Human Resources

Signatures

Francis B. Barron, as 12/11/2017 Attorney-in-Fact

**Signature of Reporting Person 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).
- Represents a performance award of restricted stock that is subject to three-year cliff vesting ending on 12/1/2020 and the satisfaction of **(1)** certain performance criteria.
- Relates to performance award with a vesting date of 12/10/2017. Represents shares vested but withheld for taxes as permitted by the **(2)** award agreement.
- The amount of shares beneficially owned as reported in column 5 includes 62,238 shares of restricted stock subject to service-based vesting and the satisfaction of certain performance criteria.

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