CIMAREX ENERGY CO

Form 4

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5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

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obligations

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section may continue.

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 See Instruction

Symbol

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

HELMERICH HANS

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

| | | | • | CIMAREX ENERGY CO [XEC] 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 12/14/2015 | | | | (Check all applicable) | | | | |
|---------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--|-------------------------|------------|------------|--|--|---|--|--|
| | | AREX ENERGY LINCOLN STRE | (N 1: | | | | | Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify below) | | | | |
| (Street) DENVER, CO 80203 | | | | 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 I - Non- | -Derivativ | e Securiti | | ired, Disposed of, | or Beneficial | lly Owned | | |
| | 1.Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Datany (Month/Day/Y | Code | onDisposed (Instr. 3, 4 | of (D) | red (A) or | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) 14,166 (1) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | | |
| | Common Stock | | | | | | | 47,655 | I | Trustee, 1993 Hans Helmerich Trust | | |
| | Common Stock | | | | | | | 11,450 (2) | I | By Wife | | |
| | Common Stock | | | | | | | 1,062 | I | Co-Trustee of Family | | |
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| | | | | | Trust |
|-------------------------|---|---------------------|-----------|---|---|
| Common Stock | | | 7,865 | I | Trustee of Family Trust |
| Common Stock | | | 48,500 | I | Co-Trustee of The Helmerich Trust (fka Co-Trustee of The Helmerich Foundation) |
| Common Stock 12/14/2015 | S | 25,000 D \$ 102.172 | 4 325,000 | I | Peggy Helmerich QTIP Trust (fka Trustee of Estate of W.H. Helmerich III) |

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 | 2. | 3. Transaction Date | 3A. Deemed | 4. | | 5. | 6. Date Exerc | cisable and | /. Titl | le and | 8. Price of | |
|-------------|-------------|---------------------|--------------------|-----------|------|------------|------------------|-------------|-------------|------------|-------------|--|
| Derivative | Conversion | (Month/Day/Year) | Execution Date, if | Transac | ctio | Number | Expiration Da | ate | Amou | int of | Derivative | |
| Security | or Exercise | | any | Code | | of | (Month/Day/ | Year) | Under | rlying | Security | |
| (Instr. 3) | Price of | | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 8 | 8) | Derivative | • | | Secur | ities | (Instr. 5) | |
| | Derivative | | | | | Securities | | | (Instr. | . 3 and 4) | | |
| | Security | | | | | Acquired | | | | | | |
| | - | | | | | (A) or | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | Disposed | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | of (D) | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | (Instr. 3, | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | 4, and 5) | | | | | | |
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| | | | | | | | Date | Expiration | | or | | |
| | | | | | | | Exercisable Date | • | Title Numbe | | | |
| | | | | | | | | Date | | of | | |
| | | | | Code | V | (A) (D) | | | | Shares | | |

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Reporting Owners 2

HELMERICH HANS C/O CIMAREX ENERGY CO. 1700 LINCOLN STREET, SUITE 3700 DENVER, CO 80203

Signatures

Francis B. Barron, as Attorney-in-Fact

12/15/2015

**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).
- (1) Includes 3,349 shares of restricted stock subject to service-based vesting.
- (2) Mr. Helmerich disclaims beneficial ownership of these shares.
- The price reported in Column 4 for December 14, 2015 sales is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$101.46 to \$103.47, 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.

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