

Abbott Gary R  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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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

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
1700 LINCOLN STREET SUITE  
1800  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
01/02/2010

\_\_\_\_ Director  
\_\_\_\_ Officer (give title below)  
\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
Vice President

DENVER, CO 80203

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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(City) (State) (Zip)

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially 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. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(D)	Price
Common Stock					1,270	I	By 401(k)
Common Stock	01/02/2010		D		960 <sup>(1)</sup>	D	\$ 0 101,540
Common Stock	01/02/2010		F		9,589 <sup>(2)</sup>	D	\$ 0 91,951
Common Stock	01/04/2010		A		40,000 <sup>(3)</sup>	A	\$ 0 131,951
Common Stock	01/04/2010		S		13,500 <sup>(4)</sup>	D	\$ 55.0249 118,451

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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)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Owned Following Reporting Transaction (Instr. 6)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Abbott Gary R 1700 LINCOLN STREET SUITE 1800 DENVER, CO 80203			Vice President	

## Signatures

Thomas A. Richardson, attorney in fact  
Date: 01/05/2010

\*\*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) Relates to performance award with a vesting date of 1/2/10. Represents shares forfeited pursuant to performance criteria.
- (2) Relates to performance award with a vesting date of 1/2/10. Represents shares vested but withheld for taxes as permitted by the award agreement.
- (3) Represents a performance award of restricted stock that is subject to three-year cliff vesting and the satisfaction of certain performance criteria.
- (4) The price reported in Column 4 for the January 4, 2010 sales is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$54.92 to \$55.16, 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

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number of shares sold at each separate price within the ranges set forth in this footnote.

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