

CIMAREX ENERGY CO  
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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 \*  
**JORDEN THOMAS E**

(Last) (First) (Middle)

1700 LINCOLN STREET, SUITE 1800

(Street)

DENVER, CO 80203-4518

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
**CIMAREX ENERGY CO [XEC]**

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
**05/13/2008**

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
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6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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**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	05/13/2008		M	72,800 A \$ 16.65	212,122 <sup>(1)</sup>	D	
Common Stock	05/13/2008		F	40,452 D \$ 67.72	171,670 <sup>(1)</sup>	D	
Common Stock	05/15/2008		S	16,174 D \$ 68.2711	155,496 <sup>(1)</sup>	D	
Common Stock					7,981	I	By 401(k)

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. Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 16.65	05/13/2008		M	72,800	<u>(2)</u> 12/06/2012	Common Stock	72,800

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
JORDEN THOMAS E 1700 LINCOLN STREET, SUITE 1800 DENVER, CO 80203-4518			Ex VP Exploration	

## Signatures

Paul Korus,  
attorney-in-fact 05/15/2008

\_\_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).
- (2) The option vested in full on December 6, 2007. The option holder is required to retain 50% of the profit shares received upon exercise until December 6, 2010.  
Includes 19,876 shares of restricted stock that may not be sold until December 6, 2010, 30,000 shares of restricted stock that vest on January 3, 2009 and are subject to certain performance criteria, 30,000 shares of restricted stock that vest on January 2, 2010 and are subject to certain performance criteria, 30,000 shares of restricted stock that vest on January 2, 2011 and are subject to certain performance criteria and 45,500 stock units that vested on December 6, 2007 but are not exchangeable into common stock and may not be sold until December 6, 2010.

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