

CIMAREX ENERGY CO  
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 \*  
**DINKINS RICHARD S**

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**

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
**08/06/2007**

\_\_\_\_ Director  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
**Vice President-Human Resources**

(Street)  
**DENVER, CO 80203-4518**

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 (A) or (D) Price   |   |  |   |
| Common Stock                    | 08/06/2007                           |  | M                              | 36,000 A \$ 16.65   | 132,771 <sup>(1)</sup>  | D  |   |
| Common Stock                    | 08/06/2007                           |  | S                              | 5,752 D \$ 36.1175  | 127,019 <sup>(1)</sup>  | D  |   |
| Common Stock                    | 08/06/2007                           |  | F                              | 24,496 D \$ 36.1175   | 102,523 <sup>(1)</sup>  | D  |   |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 1,669   | I  | By 401(k)   |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 60  | I  | By IRA  |

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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. Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|-------------------------------|
| Stock Options (Right to buy)               | \$ 16.65   | 08/06/2007                           |  | M                              | 36,000  | <sup>(2)</sup><br>12/06/2012                             | Common Stock  | 36,000                        |

**Reporting Owners**

| Reporting Owner Name / Address  | Relationships |           |                                |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|--------------------------------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                        | Other |
| DINKINS RICHARD S<br>1700 LINCOLN STREET, SUITE 1800<br>DENVER, CO 80203-4518 |               |           | Vice President-Human Resources |       |

**Signatures**

Paul Korus,  
attorney-in-fact  
08/07/2007  
 \*\*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 vests in five equal annual installments beginning on December 6, 2003. The option holder is required to retain 50% of the profit shares received upon exercise until December 6, 2010.  
Includes 9,023 shares of restricted stock that vest on December 6, 2010, 24,000 shares of restricted stock that vest on January 3, 2009 and are subject to certain performance criteria, 24,000 shares of restricted stock that vest on January 2, 2010 and are subject to certain performance criteria and 45,500 stock units that vest on December 6, 2007 but are not exchangeable into common stock and may not be sold until December 6, 2010.
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