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See Instruction 1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Burford G Mark Issuer Symbol CIMAREX ENERGY CO [XEC] (Check all applicable) (First) (Middle) (Last) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) Director 10% Owner Other (specify Officer (give title 1700 LINCOLN STREET, SUITE 12/07/2017 below) 3700 VP and Chief Financial Officer (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting DENVER, CO 80203 Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 3. 4. Securities Acquired 5. Amount of 6. Ownership 7. Nature of Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Transaction(A) or Disposed of Securities Form: Direct Indirect (Instr. 3) any Code (D) Beneficially (D) or Beneficial Indirect (I) Ownership (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Owned Following (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Reported (A) Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) Amount (D) Price Common 582 Ι By 401(k) Stock Common 32,417

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Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

12/07/2017

Stock

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Reporting Owners

Relationships Reporting Owner Name / Address

> Other Director 10% Owner Officer

Burford G Mark 1700 LINCOLN STREET **SUITE 3700** DENVER, CO 80203

VP and Chief Financial Officer

Signatures

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

**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).
- The amount of securities beneficially owned as reported in column 5 includes 8,000 shares of restricted stock subject to service-based **(1)** vesting and 85,442 shares subject to service-based vesting and the satisfaction of certain performance criteria.
- Represents a performance award of restricted stock that is subject to three-year cliff vesting ending on 12/1/2020 and the satisfaction of certain performance criteria.

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