

SULLIVAN MICHAEL J/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 \*  
SULLIVAN MICHAEL J/CO

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)  
C/O CIMAREX ENERGY  
CO., 1700 LINCOLN STREET,  
SUITE 1800

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
01/13/2012

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

(Street)  
DENVER, CO 80203

4. If Amendment, Date Original 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-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)
Common Stock					6,738	D	
Common Stock					400	I	IRA
Common Stock	01/13/2012		S	700 D \$ 59.76	8,815	I	Family Trust
Common Stock	01/13/2012		S	200 D \$ 59.77	8,615	I	Family Trust
Common Stock	01/13/2012		S	1,100 D \$ 59.7535	7,515	I	Family Trust

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

Table with 10 columns: 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 Beneficially Owned (Instr. 5), 10. Reporting Person's Relationship to the Issuer (Instr. 4). Includes sub-headers for Date Exercisable and Expiration Date, and Title or Number of Shares.

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships Director 10% Owner Officer Other

SULLIVAN MICHAEL J/CO C/O CIMAREX ENERGY CO. 1700 LINCOLN STREET, SUITE 1800 DENVER, CO 80203

Signatures

Thomas A. Richardson, attorney-in-fact 01/13/2012

\*\*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).

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