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Yuma Energy, Inc.

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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person CHRISTMAS JAMES W (Last) (First) (Middle) 1177 WEST LOOP SOUTH, SUITE 1825 (Street) HOUSTON, TX 77027 (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) 10/26/2016	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Yuma Energy, Inc. [YUMA]	
		4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below)	
		5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	
6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
Common Stock	68,541 (1) (2) (3)	D	

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

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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
CHRISTMAS JAMES W 1177 WEST LOOP SOUTH, SUITE 1825 HOUSTON, TX 77027	X			

Signatures

/s/ James W. Christmas	11/07/2016
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Explanation of Responses:

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