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Stock

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Hollis Michael L.			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer			
			Diamondback Energy, Inc. [FANG]	(Check all applicable)			
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction				
500 WEST TEXAS, SUITE 1200			(Month/Day/Year) 02/19/2016	Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify below) VP and Chief Operating Officer			
(Street)			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			
MIDLAND, TX 79701				Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			
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(City)	(State) (A	Table Table	e I - Non-D	erivative S	ecurities	Acquired, Disposed of	of, or Beneficial	ly Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	3. Transactio	4. Securition(A) or Dis			6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial
		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	(Instr. 3, 4	(A) or	Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common	02/19/2016		Code V A	Amount 17,550	(D) Pr	rice \	D	

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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)

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				Code V	(A) (D)				Shares		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Hollis Michael L. 500 WEST TEXAS, SUITE 1200 MIDLAND, TX 79701

VP and Chief Operating Officer

Signatures

/s/ Randall J. Holder, as attorney-in-fact for Michael Hollis

02/23/2016

**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).

These securities are performance based restricted stock units that were granted under the issuer's 2012 Equity Incentive Plan for the performance period January 1, 2013 to December 31, 2015. All of these performance based restricted stock units vested as of December 31, 2015 upon certification by the issuer's compensation committee of attainment of the applicable performance conditions and settlement of these units on February 19, 2016.

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