Diamondback Energy, Inc.

Form 4

February 21, 2017

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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

See Instruction

1. Name and Ad Dick Teresa	•	ting Person *	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Diamondback Energy, Inc. [FANG]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer			
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction	(Check all applicable)			
500 WEST TEXAS, SUITE 1200			(Month/Day/Year) 02/16/2017	Director 10% Owner Other (specify below) CFO, Sr. VP			
	(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) (Z	Zip) Table	I - Non-Do	erivative S	ecurit	ies Acq	uired, Disposed o	f, or Beneficial	ly Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if any	Code	4. Securities Acquired on(A) or Disposed of (D)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially	Form: Direct (D) or	Indirect Beneficial
		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	(Instr. 3, 4	(A)))	Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	02/16/2017		Code V A	Amount 15,000 (1)	(D)	Price \$ 0	35,510	D	
Common Stock	02/16/2017		A	5,850 (2)	A	\$0	41,360	D	

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	f 2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5.	6. Date Exer	cisable and	7. Titl	le and	8. Price of	9. Nu
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				Code v	(A) (D)				Shares		

Reporting Owners

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

Dick Teresa L.

500 WEST TEXAS, SUITE 1200 CFO, Sr. VP

MIDLAND, TX 79701

Signatures

/s/ Randall J. Holder, as attorney-in-fact for Teresa L. 02/21/2017 Dick

> **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 for the performance period January 1, 2014 to December 31, 2016 that were granted under the issuer's equity incentive plan. All of these performance based restricted stock units vested as of December 31, 2016 upon certification by the issuer's compensation committee of attainment of the applicable performance conditions on February 16, 2017.
- These securities are restricted stock units that were granted under the issuer's equity incentive plan. 1,950 of these restricted stock units (2) vested on February 16, 2017, and the remaining 3,900 restricted stock units will vest in two equal annual installments beginning on February 16, 2018.

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