FORM 4

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1. Name and Addres Dick Teresa L	1 0	Person*		er Name and Ticker nondback Ene			(Check al	nship of Reporti II applicable) Director Officer (give title below)		Owner (specify
(Last) 500 WEST TEX. SUITE 1225	(First) AS	(Middle)	3. Date 10/11/	e of Earliest Transac /2012	tion (Month/D	ay/Year)		,	D, Sr. VP)
(Street) MIDLAND	ТХ	79701	4. If An	nendment, Date of C	Driginal Filed	(Month/Day/Year)	Line) X	Form filed by O	up Filing (Check A ne Reporting Pers ore than One Rep	son
(City)	(State)	(Zip) Table I - Non-D	Derivative S	Securities Acq	uired, Dis	oosed of, or Benefic				
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)		Transaction	2A. Deemed	3.	4. Securities Acquired (A)		Amount of	6. Ownership	7. Nature of

itle of Security (Instr. 3)	Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	Transaction Code (Instr.		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)				Form: Direct (D) or Indirect	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership	
			Code	v	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)		(Instr. 4)	

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

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. Transa Code (8)			6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
				Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				
Restricted Stock Units ⁽¹⁾	(1)	10/11/2012		A		17,143		(2)	(2)	Common Stock	17,143	\$0	17,143	D	
Stock Option (right to buy) ⁽³⁾	\$17.5 ⁽³⁾	10/11/2012		A		50,000		(3)	09/01/2016 ⁽³⁾	Common Stock	50,000	\$0	50,000	D	

Explanation of Responses:

1. Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of common stock, par value \$0.01 per share (the "Common Stock"), of Diamondback Energy, Inc. (the "Issuer")

2. 4,286 restricted stock units will be vested on the closing date of the initial public offering of the Issuer (the "IPO"). 12,857 restricted stock units will vest in three remaining approximately equal annual

installments beginning on September 1, 2013. All restricted stock units are subject to a lock-up agreement entered into by the reporting person in connection with the IPO.

3. Options to purchase 12,500 shares of Common Stock will be vested on the closing date of the IPO. Options to purchase 37,500 shares of Common Stock will vest in three remaining approximately equal annual installments beginning on September 1, 2013. All Options are subject to the terms of the reporting person's employment agreement and a lock-up agreement entered into by the reporting person in connection with the IPO.

<u>/s/ Randall J. Holder as</u>
attorney-in-fact for Teresa L.
Dick

10/15/2012

** Signature of Reporting Person Date

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

* 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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