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**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549**

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**FORM 8-K**

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**CURRENT REPORT**

**PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(D) OF THE  
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

**Date of report (Date of earliest event reported): October 11, 2012**

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**DIAMONDBACK ENERGY, INC.**

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

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**Delaware**  
(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

**001-35700**  
(Commission  
File Number)

**45-4502447**  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification Number)

**500 West Texas  
Suite 1225  
Midland, Texas**  
(Address of principal executive offices)

**79701**  
(Zip code)

**(432) 221-7400**  
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

**Not Applicable**  
(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act
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**Item 1.01. Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement.**

On October 11, 2012, Diamondback Energy, Inc. (“Diamondback Energy”) entered into an Underwriting Agreement (the “Underwriting Agreement”) with Credit Suisse Securities (USA) LLC, as representative of the several underwriters named therein (the “Underwriters”). The Underwriting Agreement relates to Diamondback Energy’s initial public offering of 12,500,000 shares of its common stock at a public offering price of \$17.50 per share (the “Diamondback Energy IPO”). Pursuant to the Underwriting Agreement, the Underwriters were granted a 30-day option to purchase up to 1,875,000 additional shares of Diamondback Energy’s common stock at the public offering price (less the underwriting discount). The Underwriting Agreement contains customary representations, warranties and agreements of Diamondback Energy, and customary conditions to closing, obligations of the parties and termination provisions. The Underwriting Agreement also provides for the indemnification by Diamondback Energy of the Underwriters against certain liabilities, including liabilities under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended.

The offering was made pursuant to Diamondback Energy’s effective registration statement on Form S-1 (File No. 333-179502). Diamondback Energy’s common stock commenced trading on The Nasdaq Global Select Market on October 12, 2012 under the ticker symbol “FANG.” The Diamondback Energy IPO closed on October 17, 2012. Net proceeds to Diamondback Energy from the sale of the shares of its common stock, after underwriting discounts and estimated expenses, are estimated to be approximately \$204.6 million (or \$235.3 million if the underwriters’ option to purchase additional shares is exercised in full).

Certain of the Underwriters and their respective affiliates have from time to time performed, and may in the future perform, various financial advisory, commercial banking and investment banking services for Diamondback Energy and its affiliates in the ordinary course of business for which they have received and would receive customary compensation. Specifically, affiliates of Wells Fargo Securities, LLC, one of the Underwriters for the Diamondback Energy IPO, are lenders under Diamondback Energy’s revolving credit facility and received a substantial portion of the net proceeds from the Diamondback Energy IPO as a result of the repayment of the outstanding borrowings under Diamondback Energy’s revolving credit facility.

The preceding summary of the Underwriting Agreement is qualified in its entirety by reference to the full text of such agreement, a copy of which is attached as Exhibit 1.1 hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

**Item 7.01. Regulation FD Disclosure.**

On October 17, 2012, Diamondback Energy issued a press release announcing the completion of the initial public offering of its common stock. A copy of the press release is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K.

**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits**

*(d) Exhibits.*

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99.1	Press release dated October 17, 2012 entitled “Diamondback Energy, Inc. Completes Initial Public Offering of Common Stock.”

**SIGNATURE**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

DIAMONDBACK ENERGY, INC.

Date: October 17, 2012

By: /s/ Teresa L. Dick

Teresa L. Dick

Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

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12,500,000 Shares

DIAMONDBACK ENERGY, INC.

Common Stock

UNDERWRITING AGREEMENT

October 11, 2012

CREDIT SUISSE SECURITIES (USA) LLC  
As Representative of the Several Underwriters,  
c/o Credit Suisse Securities (USA) LLC,  
Eleven Madison Avenue,  
New York, N.Y. 10010-3629

Dear Sirs:

1. *Introductory.* Diamondback Energy, Inc., a Delaware corporation (“**Company**”), agrees with the several Underwriters named in Schedule A hereto (“**Underwriters**”) to issue and sell to the several Underwriters 12,500,000 shares (the “**Firm Securities**”) of its common stock, par value \$0.01 per share (the “**Securities**”). The Company also agrees to issue and sell to the Underwriters, at the option of the Underwriters, an aggregate of not more than 1,875,000 additional shares of its Securities (such 1,875,000 aggregate shares of the Securities being hereinafter referred to as the “**Optional Securities**”), as set forth in Section 3 of this Agreement. The Firm Securities and the Optional Securities are herein collectively called the “**Offered Securities**”. As part of the offering contemplated by this Agreement, Credit Suisse Securities (USA) LLC (in such capacity, the “**Designated Underwriter**”) has agreed to reserve out of the Firm Securities purchased by it under this Agreement, up to 625,000 shares, for sale to the Company’s directors, officers, employees and other parties associated with the Company (collectively, “**Participants**”), as set forth in the Final Prospectus (as defined herein) under the heading “Underwriting” (the “**Directed Share Program**”). The Firm Securities to be sold by the Designated Underwriter pursuant to the Directed Share Program (the “**Directed Shares**”) will be sold by the Designated Underwriter pursuant to this Agreement at the public offering price. Any Directed Shares not subscribed for by the end of the business day on which this Agreement is executed will be offered to the public by the Underwriters as set forth in the Final Prospectus.

2. *Representations and Warranties of the Company.* (a) The Company represents and warrants to, and agrees with, the several Underwriters that:

(i) *Filing and Effectiveness of Registration Statement; Certain Defined Terms.* The Company has filed with the Commission a registration statement on Form S-1 (No. 333-179502) covering the registration of the Offered Securities under the Act, including a related preliminary prospectus or prospectuses. At any particular time, this initial registration statement, in the form then on file with the Commission, including all information contained in the registration statement (if any) pursuant to Rule 462(b) and then deemed to be a part of the initial registration statement, and all 430A Information and all 430C Information, that in any case has not then been superseded or modified, shall be referred to as the “**Initial Registration Statement**”. The Company may also have filed, or may file with the Commission, a Rule 462(b) registration statement covering the registration of the Offered Securities. At any particular time, this Rule 462(b) registration statement, in the form then on file with the Commission, including the contents of the Initial Registration Statement incorporated by reference therein and including all 430A Information and all 430C Information, that in any case has not then been superseded or modified, shall be referred to as the “**Additional Registration Statement**”.

As of the time of execution and delivery of this Agreement, the Initial Registration Statement has been declared effective under the Act and is not proposed to be amended. Any Additional Registration Statement has or will become effective upon filing with the Commission pursuant to Rule 462(b) and is not proposed to be amended. The Offered Securities all have been or will be duly registered under the Act pursuant to the Initial Registration Statement and, if applicable, the Additional Registration Statement.

For purposes of this Agreement:

“**430A Information**”, with respect to any registration statement, means information included in a prospectus and retroactively deemed to be a part of such registration statement pursuant to Rule 430A(b).

“**430C Information**”, with respect to any registration statement, means information included in a prospectus then deemed to be a part of such registration statement pursuant to Rule 430C.

“**Act**” means the Securities Act of 1933, as amended.

“**Applicable Time**” means 5:30 pm (Eastern time) on the date of this Agreement.

“**Closing Date**” has the meaning defined in Section 3 hereof.

“**Commission**” means the Securities and Exchange Commission.

“**Effective Time**” with respect to the Initial Registration Statement or, if filed prior to the execution and delivery of this Agreement, the Additional Registration Statement means the date and time as of which such Registration Statement was declared effective by the Commission or has become effective upon filing pursuant to Rule 462(c). If an Additional Registration Statement has not been filed prior to the execution and delivery of this Agreement but the Company has advised the Representatives that it proposes to file one, “**Effective Time**” with respect to such Additional Registration Statement means the date and time as of which such Registration Statement is filed and becomes effective pursuant to Rule 462(b).

“**Exchange Act**” means the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

“**Final Prospectus**” means the Statutory Prospectus that discloses the public offering price, other 430A Information and other final terms of the Offered Securities and otherwise satisfies Section 10(a) of the Act.

“**General Use Issuer Free Writing Prospectus**” means any Issuer Free Writing Prospectus that is intended for general distribution to prospective investors, as evidenced by its being so specified in Schedule B to this Agreement

“**Issuer Free Writing Prospectus**” means any “issuer free writing prospectus,” as defined in Rule 433, relating to the Offered Securities in the form filed or required to be filed with the Commission or, if not required to be filed, in the form retained in the Company’s records pursuant to Rule 433(g).

“**Limited Use Issuer Free Writing Prospectus**” means any Issuer Free Writing Prospectus that is not a General Use Issuer Free Writing Prospectus.

The Initial Registration Statement and the Additional Registration Statement are referred to collectively as the “**Registration Statements**” and each individually as a “**Registration Statement**”. A “**Registration Statement**” with reference to a particular time means the Initial Registration Statement and any Additional Registration Statement as of such time. A “**Registration Statement**” without reference to a time means such Registration Statement as of its Effective Time. For purposes of the foregoing definitions, 430A Information with respect to a Registration Statement shall be considered to be included in such Registration Statement as of the time specified in Rule 430A.

“**Rules and Regulations**” means the rules and regulations of the Commission.

“**Securities Laws**” means, collectively, the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 (“**Sarbanes-Oxley**”), the Act, the Exchange Act, the Rules and Regulations, the auditing principles, rules, standards and practices applicable to auditors of “issuers” (as defined in Sarbanes-Oxley) promulgated or approved by the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board and, as applicable, the rules of the NASDAQ Global Market (“**Exchange Rules**”).

“**Statutory Prospectus**” with reference to a particular time means the prospectus included in a Registration Statement immediately prior to that time, including any 430A Information or 430C Information with respect to such Registration Statement. For purposes of the foregoing definition, 430A Information shall be considered to be included in the Statutory Prospectus as of the actual time that form of prospectus is filed with the Commission pursuant to Rule 424(b) or Rule 462(c) and not retroactively.

Unless otherwise specified, a reference to a “rule” is to the indicated rule under the Act.

(ii) *Compliance with the Requirements of the Act.* (i) (A) At their respective Effective Times, (B) on the date of this Agreement and (C) on each Closing Date, each of the Initial Registration Statement and the Additional Registration Statement (if any) conformed and will conform in all material respects to the requirements of the Act and the Rules and Regulations and did not and will not include any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state any material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements therein not misleading, (ii) on its date, at the time of filing of the Final Prospectus pursuant to Rule 424(b) or (if no such filing is required) at the Effective Time of the Additional Registration Statement in which the Final Prospectus is included, and on each Closing Date, the Final Prospectus will conform in all material respects to the requirements of the Act and the Rules and Regulations and will not include any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state any material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading and (iii) on the date of this Agreement, at their respective Effective Times or issue dates and on each Closing Date, each Registration Statement, the Final Prospectus, any Statutory Prospectus, any prospectus wrapper and any Issuer Free Writing Prospectus complied or comply, and such documents and any further amendments or supplements thereto will comply, with any applicable laws or regulations of foreign jurisdictions in which the Final Prospectus, any Statutory Prospectus, any prospectus wrapper or any Issuer Free Writing Prospectus, as amended or supplemented, if applicable, are distributed in connection with the Directed Share Program. The preceding sentence does not apply to statements in or omissions from any such document based upon written information furnished to the Company by any Underwriter through the Representatives specifically for use therein, it being understood and agreed that the only such information is that described as such in Section 8(c) hereof.

(iii) *Filing Fees.* The Company has paid or shall pay the required Commission filing fees relating to the Offered Securities within the time required by Rule 456 and otherwise in accordance with Rules 456 and 457.

(iv) *Ineligible Issuer Status.* (i) At the time of the initial filing of the Initial Registration Statement and (ii) at the date of this Agreement, the Company was not and is not an “ineligible issuer,” as defined in Rule 405.

(v) *General Disclosure Package.* As of the Applicable Time, neither (i) the General Use Issuer Free Writing Prospectus(es) issued at or prior to the Applicable Time, the preliminary prospectus, dated October 2, 2012 (which is the most recent Statutory Prospectus distributed to investors generally) and the other information, if any, stated in Schedule B to this Agreement to be included in the General Disclosure Package, all considered together (collectively, the “**General Disclosure Package**”), nor (ii) any individual Limited Use Issuer Free Writing Prospectus, when

considered together with the General Disclosure Package, included any untrue statement of a material fact or omitted to state any material fact necessary in order to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading. The preceding sentence does not apply to statements in or omissions from any Statutory Prospectus or any Issuer Free Writing Prospectus in reliance upon and in conformity with written information furnished to the Company by any Underwriter through the Representatives specifically for use therein, it being understood and agreed that the only such information furnished by any Underwriter consists of the information described as such in Section 8(c) hereof.

(vi) *Issuer Free Writing Prospectuses*. Each Issuer Free Writing Prospectus, as of its issue date and at all subsequent times through the completion of the public offer and sale of the Offered Securities or until any earlier date that the Company notified or notifies the Representatives as described in the next sentence, did not, does not and will not include any information that conflicted, conflicts or will conflict with the information then contained in the Registration Statement. If at any time following issuance of an Issuer Free Writing Prospectus, at a time when a prospectus relating to the Offered Securities is (or but for the exemption in Rule 172 would be) required to be delivered under the Act by any Underwriter or dealer, there occurred or occurs an event or development as a result of which such Issuer Free Writing Prospectus conflicted or would conflict with the information then contained in the Registration Statement or as a result of which such Issuer Free Writing Prospectus, if republished immediately following such event or development, would include an untrue statement of a material fact or omitted or would omit to state a material fact necessary in order to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading, (i) the Company has promptly notified or will promptly notify the Representatives and (ii) the Company has promptly amended or will promptly amend or supplement such Issuer Free Writing Prospectus to eliminate or correct such conflict, untrue statement or omission.

(vii) *Good Standing of the Company*. The Company has been duly incorporated and is existing and in good standing under the laws of the State of Delaware, with power and authority (corporate and other) to own and/or lease its properties and conduct its business as described in the General Disclosure Package; and the Company is duly qualified to do business as a foreign corporation in good standing in all other jurisdictions in which its ownership or lease of property or the conduct of its business requires such qualification, except where the failure to so qualify or to be in good standing in such other jurisdictions would not, individually or in the aggregate, result in a material adverse effect on the condition (financial or otherwise), results of operations, business, properties or prospects of the Company and its subsidiaries taken as a whole (“**Material Adverse Effect**”).

(viii) *Subsidiaries*. The Company’s “significant” subsidiaries, as defined in Rule 1-02 of Regulation S-X, immediately prior to the closing of the offering contemplated by this Agreement, will be Windsor Permian LLC, Diamondback E&P LLC and Windsor UT, LLC (“**Windsor UT**”). Each such subsidiary has been duly formed and is existing and in good standing under the laws of the jurisdiction of its organization with power and authority (limited liability company and other) to own and/or lease its properties and conduct its business as described in the General Disclosure Package; and each such subsidiary is duly qualified to do business as a foreign limited liability company, in good standing in all other jurisdictions in which its ownership or lease of property or the conduct of its business requires such qualification, except where the failure to so qualify or be in good standing in such other jurisdictions would not result in a Material Adverse Effect; all of the limited liability company interests in each such subsidiary of the Company have been duly authorized and validly issued in accordance with the limited liability company agreement of such subsidiary and are fully paid (to the extent required under such subsidiary’s limited liability company agreement) and non-assessable (except as such non-assessability may be affected by Sections 18-607 and 18-804 of the Delaware Limited Liability Company Act); and, except as otherwise disclosed in the General Disclosure Package with respect to the pledge thereof in connection with the Company’s revolving credit facility, the equity interests in each such subsidiary will be owned by the Company, directly or through subsidiaries, free from liens, encumbrances and defects.

(ix) *Offered Securities*. The Offered Securities and all other outstanding shares of capital stock of the Company have been duly authorized; the authorized equity capitalization of the Company is as set forth in the General Disclosure Package; all outstanding shares of capital stock of the Company are, and, when the Offered Securities have been delivered and paid for in accordance with this Agreement on each Closing Date, such Offered Securities will have been, validly issued, fully paid and nonassessable, and will conform to the information in the General Disclosure Package and to the description of such Offered Securities contained in the Final Prospectus; the stockholders of the Company have no preemptive rights with respect to the Securities; and none of the outstanding shares of capital stock of the Company have been issued in violation of any preemptive or similar rights of any security holder. Except as disclosed in the Registration Statement and the General Disclosure Package, including in connection with the Contributions, there are no outstanding (A) securities or obligations of the Company convertible into or exchangeable for any capital stock of the Company, (B) warrants, rights or options to subscribe for or purchase from the Company any such capital stock or any such convertible or exchangeable securities or obligations or (C) obligations of the Company to issue or sell any shares of capital stock, any such convertible or exchangeable securities or obligations or any such warrants, rights or options. The Company has not, directly or indirectly, offered or sold any of the Offered Securities by means of any “prospectus” (within the meaning of the Act and the Rules and Regulations) or used any “prospectus” or made any offer (within the meaning of the Act and the Rules and Regulations) in connection with the offer or sale of the Offered Securities, in each case other than the preliminary prospectus referred to in Section 2(a)(v) hereof.

(x) *Other Offerings*. Except as disclosed in the Registration Statement and the General Disclosure Package, including the 7,914,036 shares issued to Gulfport Energy Corporation (“**Gulfport**”) and the 14,697,496 shares issued to DB Energy Holdings LLC (“**DB Energy Holdings**”) as described in the General Disclosure Package, the Company has not sold, issued or distributed any common shares during the six-month period preceding the date hereof, including any sales pursuant to Rule 144A under, or Regulation D or S of, the Act.

(xi) *No Finder’s Fee*. Except as disclosed in the General Disclosure Package, there are no contracts, agreements or understandings between the Company and any person that would give rise to a valid claim against the Company or any Underwriter for a brokerage commission, finder’s fee or other like payment in connection with this offering.

(xii) *Registration Rights*. Except as disclosed in the General Disclosure Package, there are no contracts, agreements or understandings between the Company and any person granting such person the right to require the Company to file a registration statement under the Act with respect to any securities of the Company owned or to be owned by such person or to require the Company to include such securities in the securities registered pursuant to a Registration Statement or in any securities being registered pursuant to any other registration statement filed by the Company under the Act (collectively, “registration rights”), and any person to whom the Company has granted registration rights has agreed not to exercise such rights until after the expiration of the Lock-Up Period referred to in Section 5(k) hereof.

(xiii) *Listing*. The Offered Securities have been approved for listing on The NASDAQ Global Market, subject to notice of issuance.

(xiv) *Absence of Further Requirements*. No consent, approval, authorization, or order of, or filing or registration with, any person (including any governmental agency or body or any court) is required to be obtained or made by the Company for the consummation of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement in connection with the sale of the Offered Securities, except such as have been obtained, or made and such as may be required under state securities laws or by the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (“**FINRA**”). No authorization, consent, approval, license, qualification or order of, or filing or registration with any person (including any governmental agency or body or any court) in any foreign jurisdiction is required for the consummation of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement in connection with the offering, issuance and sale of the Directed Shares under the laws and regulations of such jurisdiction except such as have been obtained or made.

(xv) *Title to Property*. Except as disclosed in the General Disclosure Package, the Company and its subsidiaries have, or, with respect to the properties to be contributed by each of Gulfport and Windsor UT (the “**Contributions**”), will have (i) good and defensible title to all of the interests in oil and gas properties underlying the Company’s estimates of its net proved reserves contained in the General Disclosure Package and (ii) good and marketable title to all other real and personal property reflected in the General Disclosure Package as assets owned by them, in each case free and clear of all liens, encumbrances and defects except such as (x) are described in the General Disclosure Package with respect to the Company’s revolving credit facility, (y) are liens and encumbrances under operating agreements, unitization and pooling agreements, production sales contracts, farmout agreements and other oil and gas exploration, participation and production agreements, in each case that secure payment of amounts not yet due and payable for the performance of other unmatured obligations and are of a scope and nature customary in the oil and gas industry or arise in connection with drilling and production operations, or (z) do not materially affect the value of the properties of the Company and its subsidiaries and do not interfere in any material respect with the use made or proposed to be made of such properties by the Company or its subsidiaries; any other real property and buildings held under lease by the Company and its subsidiaries, after giving effect to the Contributions, are held by them under valid, subsisting and enforceable leases, with such exceptions as are not material and do not interfere in any material respect with the use made and proposed to be made of such property and buildings by the Company or its subsidiaries; and the working interests derived from oil, gas and mineral leases or mineral interests that constitute a portion of the real property held or leased by the Company and its subsidiaries, after giving effect to the Contributions, reflect in all material respects the rights of the Company and its subsidiaries to explore, develop or produce hydrocarbons from such real property in the manner contemplated by the General Disclosure Package, and the care taken by the Company and its subsidiaries with respect to acquiring or otherwise procuring such leases or other property interests was generally consistent with standard industry practices in the areas in which the Company and its subsidiaries operate for acquiring or procuring leases and interests therein to explore, develop or produce hydrocarbons. With respect to interests in oil and gas properties obtained by or on behalf of the Company and its subsidiaries, after giving effect to the Contributions, that have not yet been drilled or included in a unit for drilling, the Company and its subsidiaries have carried out such title investigations in accordance with the reasonable practice in the oil and gas industry in the areas in which the Company and its subsidiaries operate.

(xvi) *Rights-of-Way*. The Company and its subsidiaries have, and after giving effect to the Contributions, will have such consents, easements, rights-of-way or licenses from any person (collectively, “**rights-of-way**”) as are necessary to enable the Company to conduct its business in the manner described in the General Disclosure Package, subject to qualifications as may be set forth in the General Disclosure Package, except where failure to have such rights-of-way would not have, individually or in the aggregate, a Material Adverse Effect.

(xvii) *Reserve Engineers*. Ryder Scott Company, L.P., a reserve engineer that prepared a reserve report on estimated net proved oil and natural gas reserves held by the Company, Gulfport and Windsor UT as of December 31, 2011 was, as of the date of preparation of such reserve report, and is, as of the date hereof, an independent petroleum engineer with respect to the Company. Pinnacle Energy Services, LLC, a reserve engineer that prepared reserve reports on estimated net proved oil and natural gas reserves held by the Company as of December 31, 2010 and December 31, 2009, respectively, was, as of the date of preparation of such reserve reports, and is, as of the date hereof, an independent petroleum engineer with respect to the Company.

(xviii) *Reserve Report Information.* The information contained in the General Disclosure Package regarding estimated proved reserves is based upon the reserve reports prepared by Ryder Scott Company, L.P. and Pinnacle Energy Services, LLC. The information provided to Ryder Scott Company, L.P. and Pinnacle Energy Services, LLC by the Company, including, without limitation, information as to: production, costs of operation and development, current prices for production, agreements relating to current and future operations and sales of production, was true and correct in all material respects on the dates the reports were made. Such information was provided to Ryder Scott Company, L.P. and Pinnacle Energy Services, LLC in accordance with all customary industry practices.

(xix) *Reserve Reports.* The reserve reports prepared by Ryder Scott Company, L.P. and Pinnacle Energy Services, LLC setting forth the estimated proved reserves attributed to the oil and gas properties of the Company accurately reflect in all material respects the ownership interests of the Company in the properties therein. Other than normal production of reserves, intervening market commodity price fluctuations, fluctuations in demand for such products, adverse weather conditions, unavailability or increased costs of rigs, equipment, supplies or personnel, the timing of third party operations and other facts, in each case in the ordinary course of business, and except as disclosed in the General Disclosure Package, the Company is not aware of any facts or circumstances that would result in a material adverse change in the aggregate net reserves, or the present value of future net cash flows therefrom, as described in the General Disclosure Package and the reserve reports; and estimates of such reserves and present values as described in the General Disclosure Package and reflected in the reserve reports comply in all material respects with the applicable requirements of Regulation S-X and Subpart 1200 of Regulation S-K under the Securities Act.

(xx) *Absence of Defaults and Conflicts Resulting from Transaction.* The execution, delivery and performance of this Agreement, and the issuance and sale of the Offered Securities will not result in a breach or violation of any of the terms and provisions of, or constitute a default or a Debt Repayment Triggering Event (as defined below) under, or result in the imposition of any lien, charge or encumbrance upon any property or assets of the Company or any of its subsidiaries pursuant to, (i) the charter or by-laws or similar organizational documents of the Company or any of its subsidiaries, (ii) any statute, rule, regulation or order of any governmental agency or body or any court, domestic or foreign, having jurisdiction over the Company or any of its subsidiaries or any of their properties, or (iii) any agreement or instrument to which the Company or any of its subsidiaries is a party or by which the Company or any of its subsidiaries is bound or to which any of the properties of the Company or any of its subsidiaries is subject, except in the case of clauses (ii) and (iii), for any breaches, violations, defaults, liens, charges or encumbrances, which, individually or in the aggregate, would not result in a Material Adverse Effect; a “**Debt Repayment Triggering Event**” means any event or condition that gives, or with the giving of notice or lapse of time would give, the holder of any note, debenture, or other evidence of indebtedness (or any person acting on such holder’s behalf) the right to require the repurchase, redemption or repayment of all or a portion of such indebtedness by the Company or any of its subsidiaries.

(xxi) *Absence of Existing Defaults and Conflicts.* Neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries is in violation of its respective charter, by-laws or similar organizational documents or in default (or with the giving of notice or lapse of time would be in default) under any existing obligation, agreement, covenant or condition contained in any indenture, loan agreement, mortgage, lease or other agreement or instrument to which any of them is a party or by which any of them is bound or to which any of the properties of any of them is subject, except such defaults that would not, individually or in the aggregate, result in a Material Adverse Effect.

(xxii) *Authorization of Agreement.* This Agreement has been duly authorized, executed and delivered by the Company.

(xxiii) *Possession of Licenses and Permits.* The Company and its subsidiaries possess all adequate certificates, authorizations, franchises, licenses and permits issued by appropriate federal, state, local or foreign regulatory bodies (collectively, “**Licenses**”) necessary or material to the conduct of the business now conducted or proposed in the General Disclosure Package to be conducted by them, except where the failure to have obtained the same would not result in a Material Adverse Effect. The Company and each of its subsidiaries are in compliance with the terms and

conditions of all such Licenses, except where the failure to so comply would not, individually or in the aggregate, result in a Material Adverse Effect, and have not received any notice of proceedings relating to the revocation or modification of any Licenses that, if determined adversely to the Company or any of its subsidiaries, would, individually or in the aggregate, result in a Material Adverse Effect.

(xxiv) *Absence of Labor Dispute.* No labor dispute with the employees of the Company or any of its subsidiaries exists or, to the knowledge of the Company, is imminent that would result in a Material Adverse Effect.

(xxv) *Possession of Intellectual Property.* The Company and its subsidiaries own, possess or can acquire on reasonable terms, adequate trademarks, trade names and other rights to inventions, know-how, patents, copyrights, confidential information and other intellectual property (collectively, “**intellectual property rights**”) necessary to conduct the business now operated by them, or presently employed by them, and have not received any notice of infringement of or conflict with asserted rights of others with respect to any intellectual property rights that, if determined adversely to the Company or any of its subsidiaries, would, individually or in the aggregate, result in a Material Adverse Effect.

(xxvi) *Environmental Laws.* Except as disclosed in the General Disclosure Package, (a)(i) neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries is in violation of, and does not have any liability under, any federal, state, local or non-U.S. statute, law, rule, regulation, ordinance, code, other requirement or rule of law (including common law), or decision or order of any domestic or foreign governmental agency, governmental body or court, relating to pollution, to the use, handling, transportation, treatment, storage, discharge, disposal or release of Hazardous Substances (as defined below), to the protection or restoration of the environment or natural resources, to health and safety including as such relates to exposure to Hazardous Substances, and to natural resource damages (collectively, “**Environmental Laws**”) that would, individually or in the aggregate, have a Material Adverse Effect, (ii) to the knowledge of the Company, neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries own, occupy, operate or use any real property contaminated with Hazardous Substances, (iii) neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries is conducting or funding any investigation, remediation, remedial action or monitoring of actual or suspected Hazardous Substances in the environment, (iv) to the knowledge of the Company, neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries is liable or allegedly liable for any release or threatened release of Hazardous Substances, including at any off-site treatment, storage or disposal site, (v) neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries is subject to any pending, or to the Company’s knowledge threatened, claim by any governmental agency or governmental body or person arising under Environmental Laws or relating to Hazardous Substances, and (vi) the Company and its subsidiaries have received and are in compliance with all, and have no liability under any, permits, licenses, authorizations, identification numbers or other approvals required under applicable Environmental Laws to conduct their business, except in each case covered by clauses (i) – (vi) such as would not, individually or in the aggregate, result in a Material Adverse Effect; (b) to the knowledge of the Company and its subsidiaries there are no facts or circumstances that would reasonably be expected to result in a violation of, liability under, or claim pursuant to any Environmental Law that would result in a Material Adverse Effect; and (c) in the ordinary course of its business, the Company and its subsidiaries periodically evaluate the effect, including associated costs and liabilities, of Environmental Laws on the business, properties, results of operations and financial condition of the Company, and, on the basis of such evaluation, the Company and its subsidiaries have reasonably concluded that such Environmental Laws will not, individually or in the aggregate, result in a Material Adverse Effect. For purposes of this subsection “**Hazardous Substances**” means (A) petroleum and petroleum products, by-products or breakdown products, radioactive materials, asbestos-containing materials, polychlorinated biphenyls and mold, and (B) any other chemical, material or substance defined or regulated as toxic or hazardous or as a pollutant, contaminant or waste under Environmental Laws.

(xxvii) *Accurate Disclosure; Exhibits.* The statements in the General Disclosure Package and the Final Prospectus under the headings, “Business—Operations—Title to Properties,” “Business—Regulation,” “Description of Capital Stock,” “Related Party Transactions” and “Material U.S. Federal Income and Estate Tax Considerations for Non-U.S. Holders,” insofar as such statements summarize legal matters, agreements, documents or legal or regulatory proceedings discussed therein, are accurate and fair summaries, in all material respects, of such legal matters, agreements, documents or legal or regulatory proceedings and present the information required to be shown. There are no contracts or documents which are required to be described in the Registration Statement or the General Disclosure Package pursuant to Form S-1 or to be filed as exhibits to the Registration Statement pursuant to Item 601 of Regulation S-K which have not been so described or filed as required, except for such exhibits as would not have a Material Adverse Effect.

(xxviii) *Absence of Manipulation.* The Company has not taken, directly or indirectly, any action that is designed to or that has constituted or that would reasonably be expected to cause or result in the stabilization or manipulation of the price of any security of the Company to facilitate the sale or resale of the Offered Securities.

(xxix) *Statistical and Market-Related Data.* Any third-party statistical and market-related data included in a Registration Statement, a Statutory Prospectus or the General Disclosure Package are based on or derived from sources that the Company believes to be reliable and accurate.

(xxx) *Internal Controls and Compliance with the Sarbanes-Oxley Act.* Except as set forth in the General Disclosure Package, the Company, its subsidiaries and the Company’s Board of Directors (the “**Board**”) are in compliance with all applicable provisions of Sarbanes-Oxley and Exchange Rules. The Company maintains a system of internal controls, including, but not limited to, disclosure controls and procedures, internal controls over accounting matters and financial reporting, an internal audit function and legal and regulatory compliance controls (collectively, “**Internal Controls**”) that comply with the applicable Securities Laws and are sufficient to provide reasonable assurances that (i) transactions are executed in accordance with management’s general or specific authorizations, (ii) transactions are recorded as necessary to permit preparation of financial statements in conformity with U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (“**GAAP**”) and to maintain accountability for assets, (iii) access to assets is permitted only in accordance with management’s general or specific authorization, and (iv) the recorded accounting for assets is compared with the existing assets at reasonable intervals and appropriate action is taken with respect to any differences. The Internal Controls are, or upon consummation of the offering of the Offered Securities will be, overseen by the Audit Committee (the “**Audit Committee**”) of the Board in accordance with Exchange Rules. The Company has not publicly disclosed or reported to the Audit Committee or the Board, and within the next 135 days the Company does not reasonably expect to publicly disclose or report to the Audit Committee or the Board, a significant deficiency, material weakness, change in Internal Controls or fraud involving management or other employees who have a significant role in Internal Controls, any violation of, or failure to comply with, the Securities Laws, or any matter which, if determined adversely, would result in a Material Adverse Effect.

(xxxi) *Litigation.* Except as disclosed in the General Disclosure Package, there are no pending actions, suits or proceedings (including any inquiries or investigations by any court or governmental agency or body, domestic or foreign) against or affecting the Company, any of its subsidiaries or any of their respective properties that, if determined adversely to the Company or any of its subsidiaries, would, individually or in the aggregate, result in a Material Adverse Effect, or would materially and adversely affect the ability of the Company to perform its obligations under this Agreement, or which are otherwise material in the context of the sale of the Offered Securities; and no such actions, suits or proceedings (including any inquiries or investigations by any court or governmental agency or body, domestic or foreign) are, to the Company’s knowledge, threatened or contemplated.

(xxxii) *Financial Statements.* The historical financial statements included in each Registration Statement and the General Disclosure Package present fairly the financial position of the Company and its consolidated subsidiaries as of the dates shown and their results of operations and cash flows of the Company and its subsidiaries for the periods shown, and such financial statements have been prepared in conformity with GAAP, applied on a consistent basis; and the pro forma financial statements included in the General Disclosure Package have been prepared in accordance with the applicable accounting requirements of Regulation S-X under the Act, the assumptions used in preparing the pro forma financial statements included in each Registration Statement and the General Disclosure Package provide a reasonable basis for presenting the significant effects directly attributable to the transactions or events described therein, the related pro forma adjustments give appropriate effect to those assumptions, and the pro forma columns therein reflect the proper application of those adjustments to the corresponding historical financial statement amounts. Grant Thornton LLP has certified the audited financial statements of the Company included in the Registration Statement, General Disclosure Package and the Final Prospectus, and is an independent registered public accounting firm with respect to the Company within the Rules and Regulations and as required by the Act and the applicable rules and guidance from the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). The other financial and statistical data included in the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package and the Final Prospectus present fairly, in all material respects, the information shown therein and such data has been compiled on a basis consistent with the financial statements presented therein and the books and records of the Company. The Company does not have any material liabilities or obligations, direct or contingent (including any off-balance sheet obligations or any “variable interest entities” within the meaning of Financial Accounting Standards Board Interpretation No. 46), not disclosed in the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package and the Final Prospectus. There are no financial statements that are required to be included in the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package or the Final Prospectus that are not included as required.

(xxxiii) *No Material Adverse Change in Business.* Except as disclosed in the General Disclosure Package, since the end of the period covered by the latest audited financial statements included in the General Disclosure Package (i) there has been no change, nor any development or event involving a prospective change, in the condition (financial or otherwise), results of operations, business, properties or prospects of the Company and its subsidiaries, taken as a whole, that is material and adverse, (ii) there has been no dividend or distribution of any kind declared, paid or made by the Company on any class of its capital stock, (iii) there has been no material adverse change in the capital stock, short-term indebtedness, long-term indebtedness, net current assets or net assets of the Company or any of its subsidiaries, (iv) there has been no material transaction entered into and there is no material transaction that is probable of being entered into by the Company or any of its subsidiaries other than transactions in the ordinary course of business and (v) there has been no obligation, direct or contingent, that is material to the Company or any of its subsidiaries taken as a whole, incurred by the Company or any of its subsidiaries, except obligations incurred in the ordinary course of business.

(xxxiv) *Investment Company Act.* The Company is not and, after giving effect to the offering and sale of the Offered Securities and the application of the proceeds thereof as described in the General Disclosure Package, will not be an “investment company” as defined in the Investment Company Act of 1940 (the “**Investment Company Act**”).

(xxxv) *Ratings.* No “nationally recognized statistical rating organization” as such term is defined for purposes of Section 3(a)(62) of the Exchange Act has imposed (or has informed the Company that it is considering imposing) any condition (financial or otherwise) on the Company’s retaining any rating assigned to the Company or any securities of the Company or (ii) has indicated to the Company that it is considering any of the actions described in Section 7(e)(ii) hereof.

(xxxvi) *Insurance.* Except as disclosed in the Registration Statement and the General Disclosure Package, the Company and its subsidiaries are insured by insurers of recognized financial responsibility against such losses and risks and in such amounts as the Company reasonably believes are adequate for the conduct of their business. All such policies of insurance insuring the Company and its subsidiaries are in full force and effect. The Company and its subsidiaries are in compliance with the terms of such policies and instruments in all material respects; and there are no material

claims by the Company or its subsidiaries under any such policy or instrument as to which any insurance company is denying liability or defending under a reservation of rights clause. Neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries has any reason to believe that any of them will not be able to renew its existing insurance coverage as and when such coverage expires or to obtain similar coverage from similar insurers as may be necessary to continue its business at a cost that would not have a Material Adverse Effect, except as disclosed in the Registration Statement and the General Disclosure Package. The Company and its subsidiaries will obtain directors' and officer's insurance in such amounts as is reasonable for an initial public offering.

(xxxvii) *Tax Returns*. The Company and its subsidiaries have filed all federal, state, local and non-U.S. tax returns that are required to be filed or have requested extensions thereof (except in any case in which the failure so to file would not result in a Material Adverse Effect); and, except as set forth in the General Disclosure Package, the Company and its subsidiaries have paid all taxes (including any assessments, fines or penalties) required to be paid by them, except for any such taxes, assessments, fines or penalties currently being contested in good faith or as would not, individually or in the aggregate, result in a Material Adverse Effect.

(xxxviii) *Certain Relationships and Related Transactions*. No relationship, direct or indirect, exists between or among the Company or its subsidiaries on the one hand, and the directors, officers, stockholders, customers or suppliers of the Company or its subsidiaries on the other hand, which is required to be described in the General Disclosure Package which is not so described therein. The Final Prospectus will contain the same description of the matters set forth in the preceding sentence contained in the General Disclosure Package.

(xxxix) *ERISA*. The minimum funding standard under Section 302 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended, and the regulations and published interpretations thereunder ("**ERISA**"), has been satisfied by each "pension plan" (as defined in Section 3(2) of ERISA) which has been established or maintained by the Company or any of its subsidiaries, and the trust forming part of each such plan which is intended to be qualified under Section 401 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, is so qualified; each of the Company and its subsidiaries has fulfilled its obligations, if any, under Section 515 of ERISA; neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries maintain or are required to contribute to a "welfare plan" (as defined in Section 3(1) of ERISA) which provides retiree or other post-employment welfare benefits or insurance coverage (other than "continuation coverage" (as defined in Section 602 of ERISA)); each pension plan and welfare plan established or maintained by the Company and/or any of its subsidiaries are in compliance with the currently applicable provisions of ERISA, except where the failure to comply would not result in a Material Adverse Effect; and neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries have incurred or would reasonably be expected to incur any withdrawal liability under Section 4201 of ERISA, any liability under Section 4062, 4063 or 4064 of ERISA, or any other liability under Title IV of ERISA.

(xl) *No Unlawful Payments*. None of the Company, any of its subsidiaries or any director or officer, or to the knowledge of the Company, any agent, employee or other person associated with or acting on behalf of the Company or any of its subsidiaries has (A) used any corporate funds for any unlawful contribution, gift, entertainment or other unlawful expense relating to political activity; (B) made any direct or indirect unlawful payment to any foreign or domestic government official or employee from corporate funds; (C) violated or is in violation of any provision of the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act of 1977; or (D) made any bribe, rebate, payoff, influence payment, kickback or other unlawful payment.

(xli) *Compliance with Anti-Money Laundering Laws*. The operations of the Company and its subsidiaries are and have been conducted at all times in compliance with applicable financial recordkeeping and reporting requirements of the Currency and Foreign Transactions Reporting Act of 1970, as amended, the anti-money laundering statutes of all jurisdictions, the rules and regulations thereunder and any related or similar rules, regulations and guidelines issued, administered or enforced by any governmental agency (collectively, the "**Anti-Money Laundering Laws**") and no action, suit or proceeding by or before any court or governmental agency, authority or body or any arbitrator involving the Company or its subsidiaries with respect to the Anti-Money Laundering Laws is pending or, to the knowledge of the Company or its subsidiaries, threatened.

(xlii) *Compliance with OFAC.* None of the Company, any of its subsidiaries or any director or officer, or to the knowledge of the Company, any agent, employee or affiliate of the Company or any of its subsidiaries is currently subject to any U.S. sanctions administered by the Office of Foreign Assets Control of the U.S. Department of the Treasury (“**OFAC**”); and neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries will, directly or indirectly, use the proceeds of the offering and sale of its Offered Securities under this Agreement, or lend, contribute or otherwise make available such proceeds to any subsidiary, joint venture partner or other person or entity, for the purpose of financing the activities of any person currently subject to any U.S. sanctions administered by OFAC.

(xliii) *Emerging Growth Company.* The Company is an emerging growth company as defined in Section 2(a)(19) of the Act. Neither the Company nor any person authorized by the Company has engaged in any oral or written communication in connection with the offering of the Offered Securities in reliance on Section 5(d) of the Act.

(xliv) *Absence of Unlawful Influence.* The Company has not offered or sold, or caused the Underwriters to offer or sell, any Offered Securities to any person pursuant to the Directed Share Program with the specific intent to unlawfully influence (i) a customer or supplier of the Company to alter the customer’s or supplier’s level or type of business with the Company or (ii) a trade journalist or publication to write or publish favorable information about the Company or its products.

3. *Purchase, Sale and Delivery of Offered Securities.* On the basis of the representations, warranties and agreements and subject to the terms and conditions set forth herein, the Company agrees to sell to each Underwriter, and each Underwriter agrees, severally and not jointly, to purchase from the Company, (i) at a purchase price of \$16.3625 per share, that number of Firm Securities (subject to adjustment by the Representatives in their discretion to eliminate fractions) obtained by multiplying 10,782,874 Firm Securities by a fraction the numerator of which is the number of Firm Securities set forth opposite the name of such Underwriter in Schedule A hereto and the denominator of which is the total number of Firm Securities and (ii) at a purchase price of \$17.50 per share, that number of Firm Securities (subject to adjustment by the Representatives in their discretion to eliminate fractions) obtained by multiplying 1,717,126 Firm Securities by a fraction the numerator of which is the number of Firm Securities set forth opposite the name of such Underwriter in Schedule A hereto and the denominator of which is the total number of Firm Securities.

The Company will deliver the Firm Securities to or as instructed by the Representatives for the accounts of the several Underwriters in a form reasonably acceptable to the Representatives against payment of the purchase price for such Firm Securities by the Underwriters in Federal (same day) funds by a wire transfer to an account at a bank specified by the Company (and acceptable to the Representatives) drawn to the order of the Company, at the office of Latham & Watkins LLP, 811 Main Street Suite 3700, Houston, Texas 77002, at 9:00 A.M., New York time, on October 17, 2012, or at such other time not later than seven full business days thereafter as shall be agreed upon by the Company and the Representatives, such time being herein referred to as the “**First Closing Date.**” For purposes of Rule 15c6-1 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the First Closing Date (if later than the otherwise applicable settlement date) shall be the settlement date for payment of funds and delivery of securities for all the Offered Securities sold pursuant to the offering. Delivery of the Firm Securities will be made through the facilities of the Depositary Trust Company (the “**DTC**”) unless the Representatives shall otherwise instruct.

In addition, upon written notice from the Representatives given to the Company from time to time not more than 30 days subsequent to the date of the Final Prospectus, the Underwriters may purchase all or less than all of the Optional Securities at the purchase price per Security to be paid for the Firm Securities. Such notice shall set forth (i) the aggregate number of shares of Optional Securities to be sold by the Company as to which the Underwriters are exercising the option and (ii) the time, date and place at which the Optional Securities will be delivered (each time for the delivery of and payment for the Optional Securities

being herein referred to as an “**Optional Closing Date**,” which may be the First Closing Date) (the First Closing Date and each Optional Closing Date, if any, being sometimes referred to as a “**Closing Date**”). The Company agrees to sell to the Underwriters, and the Underwriters agree, severally and not jointly, to purchase such Optional Securities. Any Optional Securities shall be purchased from the Company for the account of each Underwriter in the same proportion as the number of Firm Securities set forth opposite such Underwriter’s name bears to the total number of shares of Firm Securities (subject to adjustment by the Representatives in their discretion to eliminate fractions) and may be purchased by the Underwriters only for the purpose of covering over-allotments made in connection with the sale of the Firm Securities. No Optional Securities shall be sold or delivered unless the Firm Securities previously have been, or simultaneously are, sold and delivered. The right to purchase the Optional Securities or any portion thereof may be exercised from time to time and to the extent not previously exercised may be surrendered and terminated at any time upon notice by Credit Suisse to the Company.

Each Optional Closing Date shall be determined by the Representatives but shall be not later than five full business days after written notice of election to purchase Optional Securities is given. The Company will deliver the Optional Securities being purchased by the Underwriters on each Optional Closing Date to or as instructed by the Representatives for the accounts of the several Underwriters in a form reasonably acceptable to the Representatives, against payment of the purchase price for such Optional Securities in Federal (same day) funds by a wire transfer to an account at a bank specified by the Company (and acceptable to the Representatives) drawn to the order of the Company, at the above office of Latham & Watkins LLP. The delivery of any Optional Securities will be made through the facilities of the DTC unless the Representatives shall otherwise instruct.

4. *Offering by Underwriters.* It is understood that the several Underwriters propose to offer the Offered Securities for sale to the public as set forth in the Final Prospectus.

5. *Certain Agreements of the Company.* The Company agrees with the Underwriters that:

(a) *Additional Filings.* Unless filed pursuant to Rule 462(c) as part of the Additional Registration Statement in accordance with the next sentence, the Company will file the Final Prospectus, in a form approved by the Representatives, with the Commission pursuant to and in accordance with subparagraph (1) (or, if applicable and if consented to by the Representatives, subparagraph (4)) of Rule 424(b) not later than the earlier of (A) the second business day following the execution and delivery of this Agreement or (B) the fifteenth business day after the Effective Time of the Initial Registration Statement. The Company will advise the Representatives promptly of any such filing pursuant to Rule 424(b) and provide satisfactory evidence to the Representatives of such timely filing. If an Additional Registration Statement is necessary to register a portion of the Offered Securities under the Act but the Effective Time thereof has not occurred as of the execution and delivery of this Agreement, the Company will file the additional registration statement or, if filed, will file a post-effective amendment thereto with the Commission pursuant to and in accordance with Rule 462(b) on or prior to 10:00 P.M., New York time, on the date of this Agreement or, if earlier, on or prior to the time the Final Prospectus is finalized and distributed to any Underwriter, or will make such filing at such later date as shall have been consented to by the Representatives.

(b) *Filing of Amendments: Response to Commission Requests.* The Company will promptly advise the Representatives of any proposal to amend or supplement at any time the Initial Registration Statement, any Additional Registration Statement or any Statutory Prospectus and will not effect such amendment or supplementation without the Representatives’ consent, which shall not be unreasonably withheld; and the Company will also advise the Representatives promptly of (i) the effectiveness of any Additional Registration Statement (if its Effective Time is subsequent to the execution and delivery of this Agreement), (ii) any amendment or supplementation of a Registration Statement or any Statutory Prospectus, (iii) any request by the Commission or its staff for any amendment to any Registration Statement, for any supplement to any Statutory Prospectus or for any additional information, (iv) the institution by the Commission of any stop order proceedings in respect of a Registration Statement or the threatening of any proceeding for that purpose, and (v) the

receipt by the Company of any notification with respect to the suspension of the qualification of the Offered Securities in any jurisdiction or the institution or threatening of any proceedings for such purpose. The Company will use its reasonable best efforts to prevent the issuance of any such stop order or the suspension of any such qualification and, if issued, to obtain as soon as possible the withdrawal thereof.

(c) *Continued Compliance with Securities Laws.* If, at any time when a prospectus relating to the Offered Securities is (or but for the exemption in Rule 172 would be) required to be delivered under the Act by any Underwriter or dealer, any event occurs as a result of which the Final Prospectus as then amended or supplemented would include an untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state any material fact necessary to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading, or if it is necessary at any time to amend the Registration Statement or supplement the Final Prospectus to comply with the Act, the Company will promptly notify the Representatives of such event and will promptly prepare and file with the Commission and furnish, at its own expense, to the Underwriters and the dealers and any other dealers upon request of the Representatives, an amendment or supplement which will correct such statement or omission or an amendment which will effect such compliance. Neither the Representatives' consent to, nor the Underwriters' delivery of, any such amendment or supplement shall constitute a waiver of any of the conditions set forth in Section 7 hereof.

(d) *Rule 158.* As soon as practicable, but not later than the Availability Date (as defined below), the Company will make generally available to its security holders an earnings statement covering a period of at least 12 months beginning after the Effective Time of the Initial Registration Statement (or, if later, the Effective Time of the Additional Registration Statement) which will satisfy the provisions of Section 11(a) of the Act and Rule 158 under the Act. For the purpose of the preceding sentence, "**Availability Date**" means the day after the end of the fourth fiscal quarter following the fiscal quarter that includes such Effective Time on which the Company is required to file its Form 10-Q for such fiscal quarter except that, if such fourth fiscal quarter is the last quarter of the Company's fiscal year, "Availability Date" means the day after the end of such fourth fiscal quarter on which the Company is required to file its Form 10-K.

(e) *Furnishing of Prospectuses.* The Company will furnish to the Representatives copies of each Registration Statement, including all exhibits, and upon the request of the Representatives, signed copies of each Registration Statement, any Statutory Prospectus, and, so long as a prospectus relating to the Offered Securities is (or but for the exemption in Rule 172 would be) required to be delivered under the Act, the Final Prospectus and all amendments and supplements to such documents, in each case in such quantities as the Representatives reasonably request. The Final Prospectus shall be so furnished within two business days following the execution and delivery of this Agreement unless otherwise agreed by the Company and the Representatives. All other such documents shall be so furnished as soon as available. The Company will pay the expenses of printing and distributing to the Underwriters all such documents.

(f) *Blue Sky Qualifications.* The Company shall cooperate with the Underwriters and counsel for the Underwriters to qualify or register the Offered Securities for resale under (or obtain exemptions from the application of) the state securities or blue sky laws of those jurisdictions designated by the Underwriters, shall comply with such laws and shall continue such qualifications, registrations and exemptions in effect so long as required for the distribution of the Offered Securities. The Company shall not be required to qualify as a foreign corporation or to take any action that would subject it to general service of process or taxation in any such jurisdiction where it is not presently qualified or subject to taxation.

(g) *Reporting Requirements.* During the period of five years hereafter, the Company will furnish to the Representatives and, upon request, to each of the other Underwriters, as soon as practicable after the end of each fiscal year, a copy of its annual report to stockholders for such year; and the Company will furnish to the Representatives (i) as soon as available, a copy of each report and any definitive proxy statement of the Company filed with the Commission under the Exchange

Act or mailed to stockholders, and (ii) from time to time, such other information concerning the Company as the Representatives may reasonably request. However, so long as the Company is subject to the reporting requirements of either Section 13 or Section 15(d) of the Exchange Act and is timely filing reports with the Commission on its Electronic Data Gathering, Analysis and Retrieval system (“**EDGAR**”), it is not required to furnish such reports or statements to the Underwriters.

(h) *Payment of Expenses.* The Company agrees with the several Underwriters that the Company will pay all expenses incident to the performance of the obligations of the Company under this Agreement, including but not limited to (i) any filing fees and reasonable attorney’s fees and expenses incurred by the Company or the Underwriters in connection with qualifying or registering (or obtaining exemptions from the qualification or registration of) all or any part of the Offered Securities for offer and sale under the state securities or blue sky laws of such jurisdictions as the Representatives designate and the preparation and printing of memoranda relating thereto, (ii) the filing fees incident to, and the reasonable fees and expenses of counsel for the Underwriters, in connection with the FINRA’s review and approval of the Underwriters’ participation in the offering and distribution of the Offered Securities, (iii) costs and expenses relating to investor presentations or any “road show” in connection with the offering and sale of the Offered Securities including, without limitation, any travel expenses of the Company’s officers and employees, provided, however, that the Underwriters will pay for 50% of the costs and expenses of any chartered flight, except for flights on which there is no representative of the Representatives, (iv) fees and expenses incident to listing the Offered Securities on the NASDAQ Global Market, (v) fees and expenses in connection with the registration of the Offered Securities under the Exchange Act, (vi) expenses incurred in distributing preliminary prospectuses and the Final Prospectus (including any amendments and supplements thereto) to the Underwriters and expenses incurred in preparing, printing and distributing any Issuer Free Writing Prospectuses to investors or prospective investors and (vii) all other fees, costs and expenses referred to in Item 13 of Part II of the Registration Statement. Except as provided in this Agreement, the Underwriters shall pay their own expenses, including the fees and disbursement of their counsel.

(i) *Use of Proceeds.* The Company will use the net proceeds received by it in connection with this offering in the manner described in the “Use of Proceeds” section of the General Disclosure Package and, except as disclosed in the General Disclosure Package, the Company does not intend to use any of the proceeds from the sale of the Offered Securities hereunder to repay any outstanding debt owed to any affiliate of any Underwriter.

(j) *Absence of Manipulation.* The Company will not take, directly or indirectly, any action designed to or that would constitute or that could reasonably be expected to cause or result in, stabilization or manipulation of the price of any securities of the Company to facilitate the sale or resale of the Offered Securities.

(k) (A) *Restriction on Sale of Securities by the Company.* For the period specified below (the “**Lock-Up Period**”), the Company will not, directly or indirectly, take any of the following actions with respect to its Securities or any securities convertible into or exchangeable or exercisable for any of its Securities (“**Lock-Up Securities**”): (i) offer, sell, issue, contract to sell, pledge or otherwise dispose of Lock-Up Securities, (ii) offer, sell, issue, contract to sell, contract to purchase or grant any option, right or warrant to purchase Lock-Up Securities, (iii) enter into any swap, hedge or any other agreement that transfers, in whole or in part, the economic consequences of ownership of Lock-Up Securities, (iv) establish or increase a put equivalent position or liquidate or decrease a call equivalent position in Lock-Up Securities within the meaning of Section 16 of the Exchange Act or (v) file with the Commission a registration statement under the Act relating to Lock-Up Securities, or publicly disclose the intention to take any such action, without the prior written consent of Credit Suisse Securities (USA) LLC (“**Credit Suisse**”), except for the Lock-Up Securities to be issued by the Company in connection with the Contributions, issuances of Lock-Up Securities pursuant to the conversion or exchange of convertible or exchangeable securities or the exercise of warrants or options or vesting of restricted stock or restricted stock units, in each case outstanding on the date hereof, grants of employee or director stock options, restricted stock

or restricted stock units pursuant to the terms of a plan in effect on the date hereof and described in the General Disclosure Package or issuances of Lock-Up Securities pursuant to the exercise of such options, provided that such options, stock, units or the Lock-Up Securities issued upon exercise thereof may not be transferred during the Lock-Up Period. The initial Lock-Up Period will commence on the date hereof and continue for 180 days after the date hereof or such earlier date that Credit Suisse consents to in writing; provided, however, that if (1) during the last 17 days of the initial Lock-Up Period, the Company releases earnings results or material news or a material event relating to the Company occurs or (2) prior to the expiration of the initial Lock-Up Period, the Company announces that it will release earnings results during the 16-day period beginning on the last day of the initial Lock-Up Period, then in each case the Lock-Up Period will be extended until the expiration of the 18-day period beginning on the date of release of the earnings results or the occurrence of the materials news or material event, as applicable, unless Credit Suisse waives, in writing, such extension. The Company will provide the Representatives with notice of any results, news, events or announcement described in clauses (1) and (2) of the preceding sentence that gives rise to an extension of the Lock-Up Period.

(l) *Agreement to announce lock-up waiver.* If Credit Suisse, in its sole discretion, agrees to release or waive the restrictions set forth in a lock-up letter described in Section 7(l) hereof for an officer or director of the Company and provide the Company with notice of the impending release or waiver at least three business days before the effective date of such release or waiver, the Company agrees to announce the impending release or waiver by a press release substantially in the form of Exhibit A hereto through a major news service at least two business days before the effective date of the release or waiver.

(m) *Emerging Growth Company Status.* Until April 25, 2013, the Company will notify the Representatives in writing on or prior to the date that the Company is no longer an “emerging growth company” as defined in Section 2(a)(19) of the Act.

(n) *Transfer Restrictions.* In connection with the Directed Share Program, the Company will ensure that the Directed Shares will be restricted to the extent required by the FINRA or the FINRA rules from sale, transfer, assignment, pledge or hypothecation for a period of three months following the date of the effectiveness of the Registration Statement. The Designated Underwriter will notify the Company as to which Participants will need to be so restricted. The Company will direct the transfer agent to place stop transfer restrictions upon such securities for such period of time.

(o) *Payment of Expenses Related to Directed Share Program.* The Company will pay all fees and disbursements of counsel (including non-U.S. counsel) incurred by the Underwriters in connection with the Directed Share Program and stamp duties, similar taxes or duties or other taxes, if any, incurred by the underwriters in connection with the Directed Share Program.

(p) *Compliance with Foreign Laws.* The company will comply with all applicable securities and other applicable laws, rules and regulations in each foreign jurisdiction in which the Directed Shares are offered in connection with the Directed Share Program.

6. *Free Writing Prospectuses.* The Company represents and agrees that, unless it obtains the prior consent of the Representatives, and each Underwriter represents and agrees that, unless it obtains the prior consent of the Company and the Representatives, it has not made and will not make any offer relating to the Offered Securities that would constitute an Issuer Free Writing Prospectus, or that would otherwise constitute a “free writing prospectus,” as defined in Rule 405, required to be filed with the Commission. Any such free writing prospectus consented to by the Company and the Representatives is hereinafter referred to as a “**Permitted Free Writing Prospectus**.” The Company represents that it has treated and agrees that it will treat each Permitted Free Writing Prospectus as an “issuer free writing prospectus,” as defined in Rule 433, and has complied and will comply with the requirements of Rules 164 and 433 applicable to any Permitted Free Writing Prospectus, including timely Commission filing where required, legending and record keeping. The Company represents that it has satisfied and agrees that it will satisfy the conditions in Rule 433 to avoid a requirement to file with the Commission any electronic road show.

7. *Conditions of the Obligations of the Underwriters.* The obligations of the several Underwriters to purchase and pay for the Firm Securities on the First Closing Date and the Optional Securities to be purchased on each Optional Closing Date will be subject to the accuracy of the representations and warranties of the Company herein (as though made on such Closing Date), to the accuracy of the statements of Company officers made pursuant to the provisions hereof, to the performance by the Company of its obligations hereunder and to the following additional conditions precedent:

(a) *Grant Thornton Comfort Letter.* The Representatives shall have received letters, dated, respectively, the date hereof and each Closing Date, of Grant Thornton LLP confirming that they are a registered public accounting firm and independent public accountants within the meaning of the Securities Laws and substantially in the form of Schedule C hereto (except that, in any letter dated a Closing Date, the specified date referred to in Schedule C hereto shall be a date no more than three days prior to such Closing Date).

(b) *Ryder Scott Comfort Letter.* The Representatives shall have received letters, dated, respectively, the date hereof and each Closing Date, of Ryder Scott Company, L.P. in the form of Schedule D hereto (i) confirming that, as of the date of its reserve reports, it was an independent reserve engineer for the Company, Gulfport and Windsor UT and that, as of the date of such letter, no information had come to its attention that could reasonably have been expected to cause it to withdraw its reserve reports and (ii) otherwise in form and substance acceptable to the Representatives.

(c) *Pinnacle Comfort Letter.* The Representatives shall have received letters, dated, respectively, the date hereof and each Closing Date, of Pinnacle Energy Services, LLC in the form of Schedule E hereto (i) confirming that, as of the date of its reserve reports, it was an independent reserve engineer for the Company and that, as of the date of such letter, no information had come to its attention that could reasonably have been expected to cause it to withdraw its reserve reports and (ii) otherwise in form and substance acceptable to the Representatives.

(d) *Effectiveness of Registration Statement.* If the Effective Time of the Additional Registration Statement (if any) is not prior to the execution and delivery of this Agreement, such Effective Time shall have occurred not later than 10:00 P.M., New York time, on the date of this Agreement or, if earlier, the time the Final Prospectus is finalized and distributed to any Underwriter, or shall have occurred at such later time as shall have been consented to by the Representatives. The Final Prospectus shall have been filed with the Commission in accordance with the Rules and Regulations and Section 5(a) hereof. Prior to such Closing Date, no stop order suspending the effectiveness of a Registration Statement shall have been issued and no proceedings for that purpose shall have been instituted or, to the knowledge of the Company or the Representatives, shall be contemplated by the Commission.

(e) *No Material Adverse Change.* Subsequent to the execution and delivery of this Agreement, there shall not have occurred (i) any change, or any development or event involving a prospective change, in the condition (financial or otherwise), results of operations, business, properties or prospects of the Company and its subsidiaries taken as a whole which, in the judgment of the Representatives, is material and adverse and makes it impractical or inadvisable to market the Offered Securities; (ii) any downgrading in the rating of any debt securities or preferred stock of the Company by any "nationally recognized statistical rating organization" (as defined in Section 3(a)(62) of the Exchange Act), or any public announcement that any such organization has under surveillance or review its rating of any debt securities or preferred stock of the Company (other than an announcement with positive implications of a possible upgrading, and no implication of a possible downgrading, of such rating) or any announcement that the Company has been placed on negative outlook; (iii) any change in U.S. or international financial, political or economic conditions or currency exchange rates or exchange controls the effect of which is such as to make it, in the

judgment of the Representatives, impractical to market or to enforce contracts for the sale of the Offered Securities, whether in the primary market or in respect of dealings in the secondary market; (iv) any suspension or material limitation of trading in securities generally on the New York Stock Exchange or the NASDAQ Global Market, or any setting of minimum or maximum prices for trading on such exchange; (v) or any suspension of trading of any securities of the Company on the Nasdaq Global Market or in the over-the-counter market; (vi) any banking moratorium declared by any U.S. federal or New York authorities; (vii) any major disruption of settlements of securities, payment or clearance services in the United States or any other country where such securities are listed or (viii) any attack on, outbreak or escalation of hostilities or act of terrorism involving the United States, any declaration of war by Congress or any other national or international calamity or emergency if, in the judgment of the Representatives, the effect of any such attack, outbreak, escalation, act, declaration, calamity or emergency is such as to make it impractical or inadvisable to market the Offered Securities or to enforce contracts for the sale of the Offered Securities.

(f) *Opinion of Outside Counsel for the Company.* The Representatives shall have received an opinion, dated such Closing Date, of Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP, counsel for the Company, as to the matters described in Schedule F hereto.

(g) *Opinion of General Counsel for the Company.* The Representatives shall have received an opinion, dated such Closing Date, of Randall J. Holder, General Counsel for the Company, as to the matters described in Schedule G hereto.

(h) *Opinion of Counsel for Underwriters.* The Representatives shall have received from Latham & Watkins LLP, counsel for the Underwriters, such opinion or opinions, dated such Closing Date, with respect to such matters as the Representatives may require, and the Company shall have furnished to such counsel such documents as they request for the purpose of enabling them to pass upon such matters.

(i) *Officer's Certificate.* The Representatives shall have received a certificate, dated such Closing Date, of an executive officer of the Company and a principal financial or accounting officer of the Company in which such officers shall state that: the representations and warranties of the Company set forth in Section 2(a) of this Agreement are true and correct; the Company has complied with all agreements and satisfied all conditions on its part to be performed or satisfied hereunder at or prior to such Closing Date; no stop order suspending the effectiveness of any Registration Statement has been issued and no proceedings for that purpose have been instituted or, to their knowledge and after inquiry to the Commission, are contemplated by the Commission; the Additional Registration Statement (if any) satisfying the requirements of subparagraphs (1) and (3) of Rule 462(b) was timely filed pursuant to Rule 462(b), including payment of the applicable filing fee in accordance with Rule 111(a) or (b) of Regulation S-T of the Commission; and, subsequent to the date of the most recent financial statements in the General Disclosure Package, there has been no material adverse change, nor any development or event involving a prospective material adverse change, in the condition (financial or otherwise), results of operations, business, properties or prospects of the Company and its subsidiaries taken as a whole except as set forth in the General Disclosure Package or as described in such certificate.

(j) *Lock-Up Agreements.* On or prior to the date hereof, the Representatives shall have received lockup letters in the form of Exhibit B from each DB Energy Holdings, Gulfport and each of the executive officers and directors of the Company.

(k) *Gulfport and Windsor UT Contributions.* The contribution by each of Gulfport and Windsor UT of the properties or equity interests and the merger of Diamondback Energy LLC with and into the Company, in each case as described in the General Disclosure Package, shall have occurred.

The Company will furnish the Representatives with any additional opinions, certificates, letters and documents as the Representatives reasonably request and conformed copies of documents delivered pursuant to this Section 7. The Representatives may in their sole discretion waive on behalf of the Underwriters compliance with any conditions to the obligations of the Underwriters hereunder, whether in respect of an Optional Closing Date or otherwise.

8. *Indemnification and Contribution.* (a) *Indemnification of Underwriters by the Company.* The Company will indemnify and hold harmless each Underwriter, its partners, members, directors, officers, employees, agents, affiliates and each person, if any, who controls such Underwriter within the meaning of Section 15 of the Act or Section 20 of the Exchange Act (each, an “**Indemnified Party**”), against any and all losses, claims, damages or liabilities, joint or several, to which such Indemnified Party may become subject, under the Act, the Exchange Act, other Federal or state statutory law or regulation or otherwise, insofar as such losses, claims, damages or liabilities (or actions in respect thereof) arise out of or are based upon any untrue statement or alleged untrue statement of any material fact contained in any part of any Registration Statement at any time, any Statutory Prospectus as of any time, the Final Prospectus or any Issuer Free Writing Prospectus, or arise out of or are based upon the omission or alleged omission of a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading, and will reimburse each Indemnified Party for any legal or other expenses reasonably incurred by such Indemnified Party in connection with investigating or defending against any loss, claim, damage, liability, action, litigation, investigation or proceeding whatsoever (whether or not such Indemnified Party is a party thereto), whether threatened or commenced, and in connection with the enforcement of this provision with respect to any of the above as such expenses are incurred; provided, however, that the Company will not be liable in any such case to the extent that any such loss, claim, damage or liability arises out of or is based upon an untrue statement or alleged untrue statement in or omission or alleged omission from any of such documents in reliance upon and in conformity with written information furnished to the Company by any Underwriter through the Representatives specifically for use therein, it being understood and agreed that the only such information furnished by any Underwriter consists of the information described as such in subsection (c) below.

The Company also agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the Designated Underwriter and its affiliates and each person, if any, who controls the Designated Underwriter within the meaning of either Section 15 of the Securities Act or Section 20 of the Exchange Act (the “**Designated Entities**”), from and against any and all losses, claims, damages and liabilities (including, without limitation, any legal or other expenses reasonably incurred in connection with defending or investigating any such action or claim) (i) arising out of or based upon any untrue statement or alleged untrue statement of a material fact contained in any material prepared by or with the consent of the Company for distribution to Participants in connection with the Directed Share Program arising out of or based upon any omission or alleged omission of a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements therein not misleading; (ii) arising out of or based upon the failure of any Participant to pay for and accept delivery of Directed Shares that the Participant agreed to purchase; or (iii) arising out of, related to or in connection with the Directed Share Program, other than losses, claims, damages or liabilities (or expenses relating thereto) that are finally judicially determined to have resulted from the willful misconduct or gross negligence of the Designated Entities.

(b) *Indemnification of Company, its Directors and Officers.* Each Underwriter will severally and not jointly indemnify and hold harmless the Company, each of its directors and each of its officers who signs a Registration Statement and each person, if any, who controls the Company within the meaning of Section 15 of the Act or Section 20 of the Exchange Act, (each, an “**Underwriter Indemnified Party**”) against any losses, claims, damages or liabilities to which such Underwriter Indemnified Party may become subject, under the Act, the Exchange Act, or other Federal or state statutory law or regulation or otherwise, insofar as such losses, claims, damages or liabilities (or actions in respect thereof) arise out of or are based upon any untrue statement or alleged untrue statement of any material fact contained in any Registration Statement at any time, any Statutory Prospectus at any time, the Final Prospectus or any Issuer Free Writing Prospectus or arise out of or are based upon the omission or the alleged omission of a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements therein not misleading, in each case to the extent, but only to the extent, that such untrue statement or alleged untrue statement or omission or alleged omission was made in reliance upon and in conformity with written information furnished to the Company by such Underwriter through the Representatives specifically for use therein, and will reimburse any legal or other expenses reasonably

incurred by such Underwriter Indemnified Party in connection with investigating or defending against any such loss, claim, damage, liability, action, litigation, investigation or proceeding whatsoever (whether or not such Underwriter Indemnified Party is a party thereto), whether threatened or commenced, based upon any such untrue statement or omission, or any such alleged untrue statement or omission as such expenses are incurred, it being understood and agreed that the only such information furnished by any Underwriter consists of (i) the following information in the Final Prospectus furnished on behalf of each Underwriter: the concession and reallowance figures appearing in the fourth paragraph under the caption "Underwriting," the information contained in the eighth and eleventh paragraphs and information with respect to stabilization transactions appearing in the nineteenth paragraph, in each case under the caption "Underwriting."

(c) *Actions against Parties; Notification.* Promptly after receipt by an indemnified party under this Section of notice of the commencement of any action, such indemnified party will, if a claim in respect thereof is to be made against an indemnifying party under subsection (a), (b) or (c) above, notify the indemnifying party of the commencement thereof; but the failure to notify the indemnifying party shall not relieve it from any liability that it may have under subsection (a), (b) or (c) above except to the extent that it has been materially prejudiced (through the forfeiture of substantive rights or defenses) by such failure; and provided further that the failure to notify the indemnifying party shall not relieve it from any liability that it may have to an indemnified party otherwise than under subsection (a), (b) or (c) above. In case any such action is brought against any indemnified party and it notifies an indemnifying party of the commencement thereof, the indemnifying party will be entitled to participate therein and, to the extent that it may wish, jointly with any other indemnifying party similarly notified, to assume the defense thereof, with counsel satisfactory to such indemnified party (who shall not, except with the consent of the indemnified party, be counsel to the indemnifying party), and after notice from the indemnifying party to such indemnified party of its election so to assume the defense thereof, the indemnifying party will not be liable to such indemnified party under this Section for any legal or other expenses subsequently incurred by such indemnified party in connection with the defense thereof other than reasonable costs of investigation. Notwithstanding anything contained herein to the contrary, if indemnity may be sought pursuant to the last paragraph in Section 8(a) hereof in respect of such action or proceeding, then in addition to such separate firm for the indemnified parties, the indemnifying party shall be liable for the reasonable fees and expenses of not more than one separate firm (in addition to any local counsel) for the Designated Underwriter for the defense of any losses, claims, damages and liabilities arising out of the Directed Share Program, and all persons, if any, who control the Designated Underwriter within the meaning of either Section 15 of the Act or Section 20 of the Exchange Act. No indemnifying party shall, without the prior written consent of the indemnified party, effect any settlement of any pending or threatened action in respect of which any indemnified party is or could have been a party and indemnity could have been sought hereunder by such indemnified party unless such settlement (i) includes an unconditional release of such indemnified party from all liability on any claims that are the subject matter of such action and (ii) does not include a statement as to, or an admission of, fault, culpability or a failure to act by or on behalf of an indemnified party.

(d) *Contribution.* If the indemnification provided for in this Section is unavailable or insufficient to hold harmless an indemnified party under subsection (a), (b) or (c) above, then each indemnifying party shall contribute to the amount paid or payable by such indemnified party as a result of the losses, claims, damages or liabilities referred to in subsection (a), (b) or (c) above (i) in such proportion as is appropriate to reflect the relative benefits received by the Company on the one hand and the Underwriters on the other from the offering of the Offered Securities pursuant to this Agreement or (ii) if the allocation provided by clause (i) above is not permitted by applicable law, in such proportion as is appropriate to reflect not only the relative benefits referred to in clause (i) above but also the relative fault of the Company on the one hand and the Underwriters on the other in connection with the statements or omissions which resulted in such losses, claims, damages or liabilities as well as any other relevant equitable considerations. The relative benefits received by the Company on the one hand and the Underwriters on the other shall be deemed to be in the same proportion as the total net proceeds from the offering (before deducting expenses) received by the Company bear to the total underwriting discounts and commissions received by the Underwriters. The relative fault shall be determined by reference to, among other things, whether the untrue or alleged untrue statement of a material fact or the omission or alleged omission to state a material fact relates to information supplied by the Company or the Underwriters and the parties' relative intent, knowledge, access to information and opportunity to correct or prevent such untrue statement or omission. The amount paid by an indemnified party

as a result of the losses, claims, damages or liabilities referred to in the first sentence of this subsection (e) shall be deemed to include any legal or other expenses reasonably incurred by such indemnified party in connection with investigating or defending any action or claim which is the subject of this subsection (e). Notwithstanding the provisions of this subsection (e), no Underwriter shall be required to contribute any amount in excess of the amount by which the total price at which the Securities underwritten by it and distributed to the public were offered to the public exceeds the amount of any damages which such Underwriter has otherwise been required to pay by reason of such untrue statement or omission or alleged untrue statement or omission. No person guilty of fraudulent misrepresentation (within the meaning of Section 11(f) of the Act) shall be entitled to contribution from any person who was not guilty of such fraudulent misrepresentation. The Underwriters' obligations in this subsection (e) to contribute are several in proportion to their respective underwriting obligations and not joint. The Company and the Underwriters agree that it would not be just and equitable if contribution pursuant to this Section 8(e) were determined by pro rata allocation (even if the Underwriters were treated as one entity for such purpose) or by any other method of allocation which does not take account of the equitable considerations referred to in this Section 8(e).

9. *Default of Underwriters.* If any Underwriter or Underwriters default in their obligations to purchase Offered Securities hereunder on either the First Closing Date or any Optional Closing Date and the aggregate number of shares of Offered Securities that such defaulting Underwriter or Underwriters agreed but failed to purchase does not exceed 10% of the total number of shares of Offered Securities that the Underwriters are obligated to purchase on such Closing Date, the Representatives may make arrangements satisfactory to the Company for the purchase of such Offered Securities by other persons, including any of the Underwriters, but if no such arrangements are made by such Closing Date, the non-defaulting Underwriters shall be obligated severally, in proportion to their respective commitments hereunder, to purchase the Offered Securities that such defaulting Underwriters agreed but failed to purchase on such Closing Date. If any Underwriter or Underwriters so default and the aggregate number of shares of Offered Securities with respect to which such default or defaults occur exceeds 10% of the total number of shares of Offered Securities that the Underwriters are obligated to purchase on such Closing Date and arrangements satisfactory to the Representatives and the Company for the purchase of such Offered Securities by other persons are not made within 36 hours after such default, this Agreement will terminate without liability on the part of any non-defaulting Underwriter or the Company, except as provided in Section 10 (provided that if such default occurs with respect to Optional Securities after the First Closing Date, this Agreement will not terminate as to the Firm Securities or any Optional Securities purchased prior to such termination). As used in this Agreement, the term "Underwriter" includes any person substituted for an Underwriter under this Section. Nothing herein will relieve a defaulting Underwriter from liability for its default.

10. *Qualified Independent Underwriter.* The Company hereby confirms that at its request Credit Suisse has without compensation acted as "qualified independent underwriter" (in such capacity, the "QIU") within the meaning of FINRA Rule 5121 in connection with the offering of the Offered Securities and has undertaken the legal responsibilities and liabilities of an underwriter under the Securities Act, specifically those inherent in Section 11 of the Securities Act. The Company will indemnify and hold harmless the QIU, its directors, officers, employees and agents and each person, if any, who controls the QIU within the meaning of Section 15 of the Securities Act or Section 20 of the Exchange Act against any and all losses, claims, damages or liabilities, joint or several, to which the QIU may become subject, under the Act, the Exchange Act, other federal or state statutory law or regulation or otherwise, insofar as such losses, claims, damages or liabilities (or actions in respect thereof) arise out of or are based upon the QIU's acting (or alleged failing to act) as such "qualified independent underwriter" and will reimburse the QIU for any legal or other expenses reasonably incurred by the QIU in connection with investigating or defending any such loss, claim, damage, liability or action as such expenses are incurred, provided, however, that the Company will not be liable in any such case to the extent any such loss, claim, damage, liability or action results from the gross negligence or willful misconduct of the QIU.

11. *Survival of Certain Representations and Obligations.* The respective indemnities, agreements, representations, warranties and other statements of the Company or its officers and of the several Underwriters set forth in or made pursuant to this Agreement will remain in full force and effect, regardless of any investigation, or statement as to the results thereof, made by or on behalf of any Underwriter, the

Company or any of their respective representatives, officers or directors or any controlling person, and will survive delivery of and payment for the Offered Securities. If the purchase of the Offered Securities by the Underwriters is not consummated for any reason other than solely because of the termination of this Agreement pursuant to Section 9 hereof, the Company agrees that the Company will reimburse the Underwriters for all out-of-pocket expenses (including fees and disbursements of counsel) reasonably incurred by them in connection with the offering of the Offered Securities, and the respective obligations of the Company and the Underwriters pursuant to Section 8 hereof shall remain in effect. In addition, if any Offered Securities have been purchased hereunder, the representations and warranties in Section 2 and all obligations under Section 5 shall also remain in effect.

12. *Notices.* All communications hereunder will be in writing and, if sent to the Underwriters, will be mailed, hand delivered or telecopied and confirmed to the Representatives, c/o Credit Suisse Securities (USA) LLC, Eleven Madison Avenue, New York, N.Y. 10010-3629, Attention: LCD-IBD, or, if sent to the Company, will be mailed, hand delivered or telecopied and confirmed to it at 500 West Texas, Suite 1225, Midland, Texas 79701 Attention: Randall J. Holder; provided, however, that any notice to an Underwriter pursuant to Section 8 will be mailed, hand delivered or telecopied and confirmed to such Underwriter.

13. *Successors.* This Agreement will inure to the benefit of and be binding upon the parties hereto and their respective successors and the officers and directors and controlling persons referred to in Section 8, and no other person will have any right or obligation hereunder.

14. *Representation of Underwriters.* The Representatives will act for the several Underwriters in connection with the transactions contemplated by this Agreement, and any action under this Agreement taken by the Representatives will be binding upon all the Underwriters.

15. *Counterparts.* This Agreement may be executed in any number of counterparts, each of which shall be deemed to be an original, but all such counterparts shall together constitute one and the same Agreement.

16. *Absence of Fiduciary Relationship.* The Company acknowledges and agrees that:

(a) *No Other Relationship.* The Representatives have been retained solely to act as underwriters in connection with the sale of the Offered Securities and that no fiduciary, advisory or agency relationship between the Company, on the one hand, and the Representatives, on the other, has been created in respect of any of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement or the Final Prospectus, irrespective of whether the Representatives have advised or is advising the Company on other matters;

(b) *Arms' Length Negotiations.* The price of the Offered Securities set forth in this Agreement was established by the Company following discussions and arms-length negotiations with the Representatives and the Company is capable of evaluating and understanding and understands and accepts the terms, risks and conditions of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement;

(c) *Absence of Obligation to Disclose.* The Company has been advised that the Representatives and their affiliates are engaged in a broad range of transactions which may involve interests that differ from those of the Company and that the Representatives have no obligation to disclose such interests and transactions to the Company by virtue of any fiduciary, advisory or agency relationship; and

(d) *Waiver.* The Company waives, to the fullest extent permitted by law, any claims it may have against the Representatives for breach of fiduciary duty or alleged breach of fiduciary duty and agrees that the Representatives shall have no liability (whether direct or indirect) to the Company in respect of such a fiduciary duty claim or to any person asserting a fiduciary duty claim on behalf of or in right of the Company, including stockholders, employees or creditors of the Company.

**17. *Applicable Law.* This Agreement shall be governed by, and construed in accordance with, the laws of the State of New York.**

The Company hereby submits to the non-exclusive jurisdiction of the Federal and state courts in the Borough of Manhattan in The City of New York in any suit or proceeding arising out of or relating to this Agreement or the transactions contemplated hereby. The Company irrevocably and unconditionally waives any objection to the laying of venue of any suit or proceeding arising out of or relating to this Agreement or the transactions contemplated hereby in Federal and state courts in the Borough of Manhattan in the City of New York and irrevocably and unconditionally waives and agrees not to plead or claim in any such court that any such suit or proceeding in any such court has been brought in an inconvenient forum.

18. *Patriot Act*. In accordance with the requirements of the USA Patriot Act (Title III of Pub. L. 107-56 (signed into law October 26, 2001)), the underwriters are required to obtain, verify and record information that identifies their respective clients, including the Company, which information may include the name and address of their respective clients, as well as other information that will allow the underwriters to properly identify their respective clients.

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If the foregoing is in accordance with the Representatives' understanding of our agreement, kindly sign and return to the Company one of the counterparts hereof, whereupon it will become a binding agreement among the Company and the several Underwriters in accordance with its terms.

Very truly yours,

**DIAMONDBACK ENERGY, INC.**

By:                     /s/ Randall J. Holder

Name: Randall J. Holder

Title: Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary

*Signature Page to Underwriting Agreement*

The foregoing Underwriting Agreement is hereby confirmed and accepted as of the date first above written.

CREDIT SUISSE SECURITIES (USA) LLC

By:                     /s/ Timothy Perry                    

Name: Timothy Perry

Title: Managing Director

Acting on behalf of itself and as the Representative of the several Underwriters.

*Signature Page to Underwriting Agreement*

SCHEDULE A

<u>Underwriter</u>	<u>Number of Firm Securities to be Purchased</u>
Credit Suisse Securities (USA) LLC	7,500,002
Raymond James & Associates, Inc.	937,500
Tudor, Pickering, Holt & Co. Securities, Inc.	937,500
Wells Fargo Securities, LLC	937,500
Capital One Southcoast, Inc.	364,583
Howard Weil Incorporated	364,583
Simmons & Company International	364,583
Sterne, Agee & Leach, Inc.	364,583
SunTrust Robinson Humphrey, Inc.	364,583
Wunderlich Securities, Inc.	364,583
Total	<u>12,500,000</u>

**SCHEDULE B**

**1. General Use Free Writing Prospectuses (included in the General Disclosure Package)**

“General Use Issuer Free Writing Prospectus” includes each of the following documents:

None.

**2. Other Information Included in the General Disclosure Package**

The following information is also included in the General Disclosure Package:

Price per share to the public: \$17.50

## SCHEDULE C

The Representatives shall have received letters, dated, respectively, the date hereof and the First Closing Date, of Grant Thornton LLP confirming that they are a registered public accounting firm and independent public accountants within the meaning of the Securities Laws to the effect that:

(i) in their opinion the audited consolidated financial statements examined by them and included in the Registration Statements and the General Disclosure Package comply as to form in all material respects with the applicable accounting requirements of the Securities Laws;

(ii) with respect to the period(s) covered by the unaudited quarterly consolidated financial statements included in the Registration Statements and the General Disclosure Package, they have performed the procedures specified by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants for a review of interim financial information as described in AU 722, Interim Financial Information, on the unaudited quarterly consolidated financial statements (including the notes thereto) of the Company included in the Registration Statements and the General Disclosure Package, and have made inquiries of certain officials of the Company who have responsibility for financial and accounting matters of the Company as to whether such unaudited quarterly consolidated financial statements comply as to form in all material respects with the applicable accounting requirements of the Securities Act and the related published rules and regulations; they have read the latest unaudited monthly consolidated financial statements (including the notes thereto) and the supplementary summary unaudited financial information of the Company made available by the Company and the minutes of the meetings of the stockholders, Board of Directors and committees of the Board of Directors of the Company; and have made inquiries of certain officials of the Company who have responsibility for financial and accounting matters of the Company as to whether the unaudited monthly financial statements are stated on a basis substantially consistent with that of the audited consolidated financial statements included in the Registration Statement and General Disclosure Package; and on the basis thereof, nothing came to their attention which caused them to believe that:

(A) the unaudited financial statements included in the Registration Statements or the General Disclosure Package do not comply as to form in all material respects with the applicable accounting requirements of the Securities Laws, or that any material modifications should be made to the unaudited quarterly consolidated financial statements for them to be in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles;

(B) with respect to the period subsequent to the date of the most recent unaudited quarterly consolidated financial statements included in the General Disclosure Package, at a specified date at the end of the most recent month, there were any increases in the short-term debt or long-term debt of the Company, or any change in stockholders' equity or the consolidated capital stock of the Company and its consolidated subsidiaries or any decreases in the net current assets or net assets of the Company, as compared with the amounts shown on the latest balance sheet included in the General Disclosure Package; or for the period from the day after the date of the most recent unaudited quarterly consolidated financial statements for such entities included in the General Disclosure Package to such specified date, there were any decreases, as compared with the corresponding period in the preceding year, in consolidated net sales, net operating income or in the total or per share amounts of net income of the Company, except for such changes, increases or decreases set forth in such letter which the General Disclosure Package discloses have occurred or may occur;

(iii) With respect to any period as to which officials of the Company have advised that no consolidated financial statements as of any date or for any period subsequent to the specified date referred to in (ii)(B) above are available, they have made inquiries of certain officials of the Company who have responsibility for the financial and accounting matters of the Company as to whether, at a specified date not more than three business days prior to the date of such letter, there were any increases in the short-term

debt or long-term debt of the Company, or any change in stockholders' equity or the capital stock of the Company or any decreases in the net current assets or net assets of the Company, as compared with the amounts shown on the most recent balance sheet for the Company included in the General Disclosure Package; or for the period from the day after the date of the most recent unaudited quarterly financial statements for the Company included in the General Disclosure Package to such specified date, there were any decreases, as compared with the corresponding period in the preceding year, in net sales, net operating income, or in the total or per share amounts of net income of the Company and, on the basis of such inquiries and the review of the minutes described in paragraph (ii) above, nothing came to their attention which caused them to believe that there was any such change, increase, or decrease, except for such changes, increases or decreases set forth in such letter which the General Disclosure Package discloses have occurred or may occur; and

(iv) they have compared specified dollar amounts (or percentages derived from such dollar amounts) and other financial and statistical information contained in the Registration Statements, each Issuer Free Writing Prospectus (other than any Issuer Free Writing Prospectus that is an "electronic road show," as defined in Rule 433(h)) and the General Disclosure Package (in each case to the extent that such dollar amounts, percentages and other financial and statistical information are derived from the general accounting records of the Company or are derived directly from such records by analysis or computation) with the results obtained from inquiries, a reading of such general accounting records and other procedures specified in such letter and have found such dollar amounts, percentages and other financial and statistical information to be in agreement with such results.

For purposes of this Schedule, if the Effective Time of the Additional Registration Statement is subsequent to the execution and delivery of this Agreement, "**Registration Statements**" shall mean the Initial Registration Statement and the Additional Registration Statement as proposed to be filed shortly prior to its Effective Time.

## SCHEDULE D

The Representatives shall have received letters, dated, respectively, the date hereof and the First Closing Date, of Ryder Scott Company, L.P. confirming that:

1. They are independent petroleum engineers with respect to Diamondback Energy Inc. (“Diamondback”), and Windsor Permian LLC, Gulfport Energy Corporation and Windsor UT LLC (the “Companies”). Their employment by the Companies for work performed in connection with the Registration Statement and their reports were not on a contingent basis. At the time of preparation of their reports they did not have, and as of the date thereof they do not have, any financial interest in Diamondback, the Companies or the properties covered by the reports. No person at their firm is connected with Diamondback and the Companies as a promoter, underwriter, voting trustee, director, officer or employee;

2. The estimates of reserves, production rates, future income and present worth of future income for the Companies presented in the Registration Statement correctly reflect their estimate of those quantities as presented in the reports. The computations made in connection with the proved reserves in the reports were made in accordance with the provisions of Rule 4-10 of Regulation S-X and Subpart 1200 of Regulation S-K promulgated by the SEC and have been prepared in a manner consistent and in compliance with the standards and definitions pertaining to the estimating and auditing of gas and oil reserves information promulgated by the SEC;

3. Nothing has come to their attention since they prepared their reports, as a result of their activities as independent petroleum engineers for the Companies or otherwise, that would lead them to believe that the information set forth in such reports is incorrect or that there has been a material change in the amounts of proved developed or proved undeveloped reserves of oil, natural gas or NGLs of the Companies as of the date thereof as compared with the information set forth in such reports and as presented in the Registration Statement, except as a result of normal production, development and operations after the Evaluation Date by the Companies. Furthermore, they are not aware of any additional information that they believe is necessary to be disclosed in the reports in order to prevent the information set forth therein from being misleading as of the date of the reports;

4. They have reviewed the sections of the Registration Statement in which (i) their firm or (ii) their reports are mentioned or indirectly referred to, and such disclosures, statements and references are accurate insofar as they pertain to their firm or their reports;

5. Based on their review described in the preceding paragraph, nothing has been brought to their attention by Diamondback or the Companies that would lead them to believe that there has been a material change in the estimated reserves and income data, based on the prices and costs furnished by the Companies as of such Evaluation Date in connection with such Report and as presented in the Registration Statement, except for reductions attributable to actual production and sale of reserves by the Companies;

6. The engineering projections included in their reports were based on the latest available production data. Although they were not requested to review subsequent data concerning either the performance of the wells or field operations, no additional information has been brought to their attention that would lead them to believe that there would be a material change in proved reserves or future net revenues attributable to the Companies’ interests reflected in their reports.

7. They have reviewed certain records of the Companies in connection with the preparation of their reports and based on that review, no facts have come to their attention that lead them to believe that the data included or incorporated by reference in the Registration Statement, insofar as it relates to their reports, contains any untrue statement of a material fact.

## SCHEDULE E

The Representatives shall have received letters, dated, respectively, the date hereof and the First Closing Date, of Pinnacle Energy Services, LLC confirming that:

1. They are independent petroleum engineers with respect to Windsor Permian LLC (the "Company"). Their employment by the Company for work performed in connection with the Registration Statement and their reports were not on a contingent basis. At the time of preparation of their reports they did not have, and at the date thereof they do not have, any financial interest in Diamondback, the Company or the properties covered by the reports. No person at their firm is connected with the Company or Diamondback as a promoter, underwriter, voting trustee, director, officer or employee;

2. The estimates of reserves, production rates, future income and present worth of future income as of each Evaluation Date and as presented in the Registration Statement correctly reflect their estimate of those quantities as presented in the reports. The computations made in connection with the proved reserves in the reports were made in accordance with the provisions of Rule 4-10 of Regulation S-X and Subpart 1200 of Regulation S-K promulgated by the SEC and have been prepared in a manner consistent and in compliance with the then-applicable standards and definitions pertaining to the estimating and auditing of gas and oil reserves information promulgated by the SEC;

3. Nothing has come to their attention since they prepared their reports, as a result of their activities as independent petroleum engineers for the Company or otherwise, that would lead them to believe that the information set forth in such reports is incorrect or that there has been a material change in the amounts of proved developed or proved undeveloped reserves of oil, natural gas or NGLs of the Company as of the date thereof as compared with the information set forth in such reports and as presented in the Registration Statement, except as a result of normal production, development and operations after each Evaluation Date by the Company. Furthermore, they are not aware of any additional information that they believe is necessary to be disclosed in the reports in order to prevent the information set forth therein from being misleading as of the date of the reports;

4. They have reviewed the sections of the Registration Statement in which (i) their firm or (ii) their reports are mentioned or indirectly referred to, and such disclosures, statements and references are accurate insofar as they pertain to their firm or their reports;

5. Based on their review described in the preceding paragraph, nothing has been brought to their attention by Diamondback or the Company that would lead them to believe that there has been a material change in the estimated reserves and income data, based on the prices and costs furnished by Diamondback or the Company as of such Evaluation Date in connection with such Report and as presented in the Registration Statement, except for reductions attributable to actual production and sale of reserves by the Company;

6. The engineering projections included in their reports were based on the latest available production data. Although they were not requested to review subsequent data concerning either the performance of the wells or field operations, no additional information has been brought to their attention that would lead them to believe that there would be a material change in proved reserves or future net revenues attributable to the Company's interests reflected in their reports.

7. They have reviewed certain records of the Company in connection with the preparation of their reports and based on that review, no facts have come to their attention that lead them to believe that the data included or incorporated by reference in the Registration Statement, insofar as it relates to their reports, contains any untrue statement of a material fact.

## SCHEDULE F

### Form of Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP Opinion

1. The Company is a corporation that is validly existing and in good standing under the laws of the State of Delaware, the jurisdiction of its incorporation, and the Company is duly qualified and is in good standing as a foreign corporation in each jurisdiction listed on Schedule A hereto.
2. Each of Windsor Permian LLC, Diamondback E&P LLC and Windsor UT LLC (each, a “Subsidiary” and, collectively, the “Subsidiaries”) is a limited liability company that is validly existing and in good standing under the laws of the State of Delaware, the jurisdiction of its organization, and is duly qualified and is in good standing as a foreign limited liability company in each jurisdiction listed for such Subsidiary on Schedule A hereto.
3. The Company has the corporate power and authority to own, lease, hold and operate its properties and to conduct the business in which it is engaged as described in the Registration Statement, the Final Prospectus and the General Disclosure Package. Each Subsidiary has the limited liability company power and authority to own, lease, hold and operate its properties and to conduct the business in which it is engaged as described in the Registration Statement, the Final Prospectus and the General Disclosure Package.
4. The Company (a) has the corporate power to execute, deliver and perform the Underwriting Agreement, (b) has taken all corporate action necessary to authorize the execution, delivery and performance of the Underwriting Agreement and (c) has duly executed and delivered the Underwriting Agreement.
5. The execution and delivery by the Company of the Underwriting Agreement do not, and the performance by it of its obligations thereunder will not, (i) whether with or without the giving of notice or passage of time or both, constitute a breach of, or default or Debt Repayment Trigger Event under, or result in the creation or imposition of any lien, charge or encumbrance upon any property or assets of the Company pursuant to, any contract, indenture, mortgage, deed of trust, loan or credit agreement, note, lease or other agreement or instrument filed as an exhibit to the Registration Statement, in each case, to which the Company is a party or by which it is bound, or to which any of the assets, properties or operations of the Company or its Subsidiaries is subject (the “Company Reviewed Agreements”), (ii) result in a violation of the certificate of incorporation or bylaws of the Company or certificate of formation or limited liability company agreement of any Subsidiary, (iii) result in the violation of any law, rule or regulation of any Included Law (as defined below), or (iv) result in any violation by the Company or its Subsidiaries of any order, writ, judgment or decree of any governmental authority identified in Schedule B hereto.
6. No consent, authorization, approval or other action by, and no notice to or registration or filing with, any United States Federal or state governmental authority or regulatory body, or any third party that is a party to any Reviewed Agreement, is required for the due execution, delivery or performance by the Company of the Underwriting Agreement, except as have been obtained or made and as may be required under the securities or blue sky laws of any jurisdiction in the United States in connection with the offer and sale of the Offered Securities.
7. The Company is not, and as a result of the transactions contemplated by the Underwriting Agreement (including the receipt of proceeds from the offering contemplated therein) will not be, required to register as an investment company under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended.
8. The Offered Securities have been duly authorized by the Company and, when issued and delivered as provided in the Underwriting Agreement, the Offered Securities will be validly issued, fully paid and non-assessable and the issuance of the Offered Securities will not be subject to preemptive rights pursuant to the DGCL, the Certificate of Incorporation or By-Laws of the Company or any Company Reviewed Agreement.

9. The authorized equity capitalization as set forth in the Certificate of Incorporation of the Company consists of 100,000,000 shares of common stock, par value \$0.01 per share, and 10,000,000 shares of preferred stock, par value \$0.01 per share.
10. The Offered Securities conform in all material respects to the description thereof set forth in the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package and the Final Prospectus.
11. The Registration Statement became effective under the Securities Act on October 11, 2012 and the Final Prospectus was filed with the Commission on [ ], 2012 in accordance with Rule 424(b). To our knowledge, no stop order suspending the effectiveness of the Registration Statement or any part thereof has been issued and no proceedings for that purpose have been instituted or are pending before or contemplated by the Commission.
12. The statements in the Prospectus and the General Disclosure Package under the caption "Description of Capital Stock," insofar as such statements constitute a summary of the documents referred to therein, matters of law or legal proceedings, fairly present in all material respects the information required to be shown and are fair and accurate summaries.
13. The statements made in the General Disclosure Package and the Final Prospectus under the caption "Related Party Transactions," and "Material U.S. Federal Income and Estate Tax Considerations for Non-U.S. Holders" insofar as they purport to be summaries of the terms of statutes, rules or regulations constitute accurate summaries of the terms of such statutes, rules or regulations in all material respects.
14. The form of stock certificate used to evidence the certificated Offered Securities is in a form that complies in all material respects with all applicable statutory requirements under the DGCL.
15. To such counsel's knowledge, (a) no holder of any security of the Company other than DB Energy Holdings and Gulfport pursuant to [ 1 ], has any right to require registration of shares of common stock or any other security of the Company in the Registration Statement and (b) each person to whom the Company has granted registration rights has agreed not to exercise such rights until after the expiration of the Lock-Up Period referred to in Section 5 of the Underwriting Agreement.
16. The Registration Statement and the Final Prospectus, as of their respective effective times or issue dates, complied as to form in all material respects with the requirements of the Securities Act and the Rules and Regulations.

### **Negative Assurance**

Because the primary purpose of such counsel's professional engagement was not to establish or confirm factual matters or financial, accounting, statistical or reserve information, and because many determinations involved in the preparation of the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package or the Final Prospectus are of a wholly or partially non-legal character, except as set forth in paragraphs 12, 14 and 15 of this letter, such counsel is not passing upon and does not assume any responsibility for the accuracy, completeness or fairness of the statements contained or incorporated by reference in the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package and the Final Prospectus and such counsel makes no representation that it has independently verified the accuracy, completeness or fairness of such statements.

However, in the course of our acting as counsel to the Company in connection with its preparation of the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package and the Final Prospectus, prior to the filing of the Registration Statement, the Preliminary Prospectus and the Final Prospectus, such counsel participated in conferences and telephone conversations with representatives of the Company, the internal reserve engineer of the Company, representatives of the independent public accountants for the Company, representatives of the independent petroleum engineers of the Company, representatives of the Underwriters and representatives of the Underwriters' counsel, during which conferences and conversations the contents of the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package and the Final Prospectus and related matters were discussed, and such counsel reviewed certain corporate records and documents furnished to such counsel by the Company and certain documents publicly filed by the Company with the Commission.

Subject to the foregoing, such counsel confirms to you that, on the basis of the information we gained in the course of performing the services referred to above:

- (a) Each of the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package and the Final Prospectus, and each amendment or supplement thereto, including the documents incorporated by reference therein, in each case as of their respective effective or issue dates appeared on its face, as supplemented or amended, to be appropriately responsive in all material respects to the requirements of the Securities Act and the applicable rules and regulations thereunder, except that (i) we express no view as to the financial statements and related notes and schedules or other financial data, accounting data or reports on the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting; oil and gas reserves; or statistical data derived from such financial data or oil and gas reserves and related future net cash flows contained in or omitted from the Registration Statement, the Final Prospectus or the General Disclosure Package and (ii) we express no view of the anti-fraud provisions of the U.S. securities Laws and the rules and regulations promulgated under such provisions; and
- (b) No facts have come to our attention that cause us to believe that:
  - (i) the Registration Statement, as of its most recent effective date, contained an untrue statement of a material fact or omitted to state a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements therein not misleading;
  - (ii) the General Disclosure Package, as of the Applicable Time, contained any untrue statement of a material fact or omitted to state any material fact necessary in order to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading; or
  - (iii) the Final Prospectus, as of its date and as of the date hereof, contained or contains any untrue statement of a material fact or omitted or omits to state any material fact necessary in order to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading;

except that in the case of each of clauses (i) – (iii) above, such counsel does not express any view as to the financial statements and related notes and schedules or other financial data, accounting data or reports on the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting; oil and gas reserves; or statistical data derived from such financial data or oil and gas reserves and related net future cash flows contained or incorporated by reference in or omitted from the Registration Statement, the Final Prospectus or the General Disclosure Package.

#### **Included Laws**

We express no opinion as to the laws of any jurisdiction other than the Included Laws. We have made no special investigation or review of any published constitutions, treaties, laws, rules or regulations or judicial or administrative decisions (“Laws”), other than a review of (i) the DGCL, (ii) the Delaware Limited Liability Company Act, (iii) the Federal securities Laws of the United States of America, (iv) solely with respect to the opinion expressed in paragraph 15 of this letter, the Federal tax Laws of the United States of America and (v) the NY UCC. For purposes of this opinion, the term “Included Laws” means the items described in clauses (i), (ii), (iii), (iv) and (v) of the preceding sentence that are, in our experience, normally applicable to transactions of the type contemplated by the Underwriting Agreement. The term Included Laws specifically excludes (a) Laws of any counties, cities, towns, municipalities and special political subdivisions, or foreign governments and any agencies thereof, (b) zoning, land use, building and construction Laws, (c) Federal Reserve Board margin regulations, (d) any antifraud, environmental, labor, pension, employee benefit, antiterrorism, money laundering, insurance, antitrust or intellectual property Laws, (e) except to the extent set forth in paragraphs 8, 9, and 13 of this letter, securities Laws, (f) except to the extent set forth in paragraph 15 of this letter, tax Laws and (g) Laws relating to the regulation of the conduct of the business of the Company and each Subsidiary, including, without limitation, the business of oil and natural gas exploration and production companies.

## SCHEDULE G

### Form of Opinion of General Counsel of the Company

1. All of the issued and outstanding limited liability company interests of each Subsidiary have been duly authorized and issued in accordance with the limited liability company agreement of such Subsidiary and are fully paid (to the extent required under such Subsidiary's limited liability company agreement) and non-assessable (except as such non-assessability may be affected by Sections 18-607 and 18-804 of the Delaware Limited Liability Company Act) and, to my knowledge, are owned directly or indirectly by the Company, free and clear of all material liens, encumbrances or claims, except (A) as provided in the Company's Amended and Restated Credit Agreement with Wells Fargo Bank, National Association and (B) as described in the General Disclosure Package and the Final Prospectus.
2. To the knowledge of such counsel, there are no legal or governmental proceedings required to be described in a Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package or the Final Prospectus under the Securities Act and the Rules and Regulations which are not described as required, or any contracts required to be described in the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package or the Final Prospectus or to be filed as exhibits to the Registration Statement, in each case under the Securities Act and the Rules and Regulations, which are not described and filed as required.
3. To such counsel's knowledge, (a) neither the Company nor any of its Subsidiaries is in violation of its charter, by-laws or similar organizational document and (b) no default (or event which, with the giving of notice or lapse of time would be a default) has occurred in the due performance or observance by the Company or any of its Subsidiaries of any of their material obligation, agreement, covenant or condition contained in any contract, indenture, mortgage, loan agreement, note, lease or other agreement or instrument that is described or referred to in a Registration Statement or the General Disclosure Package or filed as an exhibit to a Registration Statement.

## Exhibit A

[Form of Press Release]

Diamondback Energy, Inc.

[Date]

Diamondback Energy Inc. (“Company”) announced today that Credit Suisse Securities (USA) LLC, the lead book-running manager in the Company’s recent public sale of shares of common stock, is [waiving] [releasing] a lock-up restriction with respect to shares of the Company’s common stock held by [certain officers or directors] [an officer or director] of the Company. The [waiver] [release] will take effect on , 20 , and the shares may be sold on or after such date.

**This press release is not an offer for sale of the securities in the United States or in any other jurisdiction where such offer is prohibited, and such securities may not be offered or sold in the United States absent registration or an exemption from registration under the United States Securities Act of 1933, as amended.**

## Exhibit B

### Form of Lock-Up Letter

Diamondback Energy, Inc.  
500 West Texas  
Midland, Texas 79701

Credit Suisse Securities (USA) LLC  
as Representative of the several Underwriters  
named in the Underwriting Agreement specified below  
c/o Credit Suisse Securities (USA) LLC  
Eleven Madison Avenue  
New York, NY 10010-3629

Dear Sirs:

As an inducement to the Underwriters to execute the Underwriting Agreement (the “**Underwriting Agreement**”), pursuant to which an offering will be made that is intended to result in the establishment of a public market for the common stock, par value \$0.01 per share (the “**Securities**”), of Diamondback Energy, Inc., and any successor (by merger or otherwise) thereto, (the “**Company**”), the undersigned hereby agrees that during the period specified in the following paragraph (the “**Lock-Up Period**”), the undersigned will not offer, sell, contract to sell, pledge or otherwise dispose of, directly or indirectly, any Securities or securities convertible into or exchangeable or exercisable for any Securities, enter into a transaction which would have the same effect, or enter into any swap, hedge or other arrangement that transfers, in whole or in part, any of the economic consequences of ownership of the Securities, whether any such aforementioned transaction is to be settled by delivery of the Securities or such other securities, in cash or otherwise, or publicly disclose the intention to make any such offer, sale, pledge or disposition, or to enter into any such transaction, swap, hedge or other arrangement, without, in each case, the prior written consent of Credit Suisse Securities (USA) LLC (“**Credit Suisse**”). In addition, the undersigned agrees that, without the prior written consent of Credit Suisse, it will not, during the Lock-Up Period, make any demand for or exercise any right with respect to, the registration of any Securities or any security convertible into or exercisable or exchangeable for the Securities.

The initial Lock-Up Period will commence on the date of this Lock-Up Agreement and continue and include the date 180 days after the public offering date set forth on the final prospectus used to sell the Securities (the “**Public Offering Date**”) pursuant to the Underwriting Agreement; provided, however, that if (1) during the last 17 days of the initial Lock-Up Period, the Company releases earnings results or material news or a material event relating to the Company occurs or (2) prior to the expiration of the initial Lock-Up Period, the Company announces that it will release earnings results during the 16-day period beginning on the last day of the initial Lock-Up Period, then in each case the Lock-Up Period will be extended until the expiration of the 18-day period beginning on the date of release of the earnings results or the occurrence of the material news or material event, as applicable, unless Credit Suisse waives, in writing, such extension.

The undersigned agrees that, prior to engaging in any transaction or taking any other action that is subject to the terms of this Lock-Up Agreement during the period from the date of this Lock-Up Agreement to and including the 34th day following the expiration of the initial Lock-Up Period, it will give notice thereof to the Company and will not consummate such transaction or take any such action unless it has received written confirmation from the Company that the Lock-Up Period (as may have been extended pursuant to the previous paragraph) has expired.

Any Securities received upon exercise of options or other securities of the Company granted to the undersigned will also be subject to this Lock-Up Agreement. Any Securities acquired by the undersigned in the open market will not be subject to this Lock-Up Agreement; provided that with respect to any sale or other disposition of such Securities, no filing under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the “**Exchange Act**”) (other than on Form 5) or

other public announcement shall be required or shall be voluntarily made by any party in connection with subsequent sales of such Securities acquired in such open market transactions during the Lock-Up Period. Additionally, the restrictions in this Lock-Up Agreement shall not apply to (a) any exercise of options or vesting or exercise of any other equity-based award, in each case, outstanding on the Public Offering Date, and in each case under the Company's equity incentive plan or any other plan or agreement described in the prospectus included in the Registration Statement, provided that any Securities received upon such exercise or vesting will also be subject to this Lock-Up Agreement, (b) the entering into a written trading plan designed to comply with Rule 10b5-1 of the Exchange Act, provided that no sales are made pursuant to such trading plan during the Lock-Up Period, provided that no filing or public announcement by any party under the Exchange Act or otherwise shall be required (or shall be voluntarily made in connection with such trading plan), (c) transfers as a bona fide gift or gifts, (d) transfers to a family member, trust, family limited partnership or family limited liability company for the direct or indirect benefit of the undersigned or his or her family members, (e) transfers by testate or intestate succession or (f) if the undersigned is a partnership, limited liability company or a corporation, transfers to its limited partners, members or stockholders as part of a distribution, or to any corporation, partnership or other entity that is its affiliate, provided that in each transfer pursuant to clauses (c)-(f) the transferee agrees to be bound in writing by the terms of this Lock-Up Agreement prior to such transfer, such transfer shall not involve a disposition for value and no filing or public announcement by any party (donor, donee, transferor or transferee) under the Exchange Act or otherwise shall be required or shall be voluntarily made in connection with such transfer (other than a filing on a Form 5).

In furtherance of the foregoing, the Company and its transfer agent and registrar are hereby authorized to decline to make any transfer of shares of Securities if such transfer would constitute a violation or breach of this Lock-Up Agreement.

If the undersigned is an officer or director of the Company, the undersigned further agrees that the foregoing restrictions in this Lock-Up Agreement shall be equally applicable to any issuer-directed Securities the undersigned may purchase in the above-referenced offering.

If the undersigned is an officer or director of the Company, (i) Credit Suisse agrees that, at least three business days before the effective date of any release or waiver of the foregoing restrictions in connection with a transfer of Securities, Credit Suisse will notify the Company of the impending release or waiver, and (ii) the Company has agreed in the Underwriting Agreement to announce the impending release or waiver by press release through a major news service at least two business days before the effective date of the release or waiver. Any release or waiver granted by Credit Suisse hereunder to any such officer or director shall only be effective two business days after the publication date of such press release. The provisions of this paragraph will not apply if (a) the release or waiver is effected solely to permit a transfer not for consideration and (b) the transferee has agreed in writing to be bound by the same terms described in this Lock-Up Agreement to the extent and for the duration that such terms remain in effect at the time of the transfer.

This Lock-Up Agreement shall be binding on the undersigned and the successors, heirs, personal representatives and assigns of the undersigned.

It is understood that if the Underwriting Agreement is executed yet terminates (other than the provisions thereof that survive termination) prior to payment for and delivery of the Offered Securities, the undersigned shall be released from all obligations under this Lock-Up Agreement. Further, this Lock-Up Agreement shall lapse and become null and void if the Public Offering Date shall not have occurred on or before December 31, 2012. **This agreement shall be governed by, and construed in accordance with, the laws of the State of New York.**

Very truly yours,

[Name of stockholder]

**News Release**

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## **DIAMONDBACK ENERGY, INC. COMPLETES INITIAL PUBLIC OFFERING OF COMMON STOCK**

**Midland, TX (October 17, 2012)** – Diamondback Energy, Inc. (NASDAQ: FANG) (“Diamondback Energy”) today announced the completion of its initial public offering of 12,500,000 shares of common stock at a public offering price of \$17.50 per share (the “Diamondback Energy IPO”). Diamondback Energy’s common stock commenced trading on The Nasdaq Global Select Market on October 12, 2012 under the ticker symbol “FANG.” The closing of the Diamondback Energy IPO took place on October 17, 2012. The underwriters have a 30-day option to purchase from Diamondback Energy up to an additional 1,875,000 shares of common stock at the public offering price (less the underwriting discount).

Net proceeds to Diamondback Energy from the sale of the shares of its common stock, after underwriting discounts and estimated expenses, are estimated to be approximately \$204.6 million (or \$235.3 million if the underwriters’ option to purchase additional shares is exercised in full). On the closing date, Diamondback Energy repaid the outstanding borrowings under its revolving credit facility, repaid its note to Gulfport Energy Corporation (“Gulfport”) in connection with Gulfport’s contribution of its oil and natural gas interests in the Permian Basin to Diamondback Energy and satisfied its subordinated indebtedness owed to an affiliate of Wexford Capital LP in full. Diamondback Energy

intends to use the remaining net proceeds to settle the existing crude oil swaps, fund a portion of Diamondback Energy's exploration and development activities and for general corporate purposes, which may include leasehold interest and property acquisitions, working capital and the settlement of the post-closing cash adjustment payable to Gulfport in connection with Gulfport's contribution to Diamondback Energy.

Credit Suisse Securities (USA) LLC acted as book-running manager for the offering. Raymond James & Associates, Inc., Tudor, Pickering, Holt & Co. Securities, Inc., Wells Fargo Securities, LLC, Capital One Southcoast, Inc., Scotiabank / Howard Weil, Simmons & Company International, Sterne, Agee & Leach, Inc., SunTrust Robinson Humphrey, Inc. and Wunderlich Securities, Inc. served as co-managers.

The offering of these securities is being made only by means of a prospectus meeting the requirements of Section 10 of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, copies of which, when available, may be obtained from Credit Suisse Securities (USA) LLC:

Credit Suisse Securities (USA) LLC  
Attn: Prospectus Department  
One Madison Avenue  
New York, NY 10010  
telephone: (800) 221-1037  
email: [newyork.prospectus@credit-suisse.com](mailto:newyork.prospectus@credit-suisse.com)

You may also obtain these documents for free when they are available from the Securities and Exchange Commission at [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov).

A registration statement relating to these securities has been filed with, and declared effective by, the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission. This press release shall not constitute an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to buy any of the securities described above nor shall there be any sale of the securities described above in any state or other jurisdiction in which such offer, solicitation, or sale would be unlawful prior to registration or qualification under the securities laws of any such state or other jurisdiction.

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**About Diamondback Energy, Inc.**

Diamondback Energy is an independent oil and natural gas company focused on the acquisition, development, exploration and exploitation of unconventional, onshore oil and natural gas reserves in the Permian Basin in West Texas. Diamondback Energy's activities are primarily focused on the Clearfork, Spraberry, Wolfcamp, Cline, Strawn and Atoka formations, which we refer to collectively as the Wolfberry play.

**Forward Looking Statements**

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