### FORM 4

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# STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| 1. Name and Addi<br>Dick Teresa  | ress of Reporting P    | Person*  | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>Diamondback Energy, Inc.</u> [ FANG ] | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)  Director 10% Owner  |  |  |  |  |
|--|------------------------|----------|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| (Last) 500 WEST TE   | (First) XAS, SUITE 12  | (Middle) | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 09/16/2013                          | X Officer (give title Other (specify below)  CFO, Sr. VP   |  |  |  |  |
| (Street) MIDLAND (City)  | TX 79701 (State) (Zip) |          | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)                             | Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)     X Form filed by One Reporting Person     Form filed by More than One Reporting Person |  |  |  |  |
| Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned |                        |          |  |  |  |  |  |  |

### 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Transaction 2A. Deemed 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) 5. Amount of 6. Ownership 7. Nature Transaction Execution Date. Securities Form: Direct of Indirect Code (Instr. 8) (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) (Month/Day/Year) if anv Beneficially Beneficial (Month/Day/Year) Owned Following Ownership Reported (Instr. 4) (A) or (D) Transaction(s) Code Amount Price (Instr. 3 and 4) Common Stock 09/16/2013 M 8,572 A \$0 9,672 D Common Stock \$44.7119 09/16/2013 S 8,572 D 1,100 D M 1,118 \$17.5 09/17/2013 Α 2 218 D Common Stock Common Stock 09/17/2013 S 1.118 D \$45.0962 1.100 D Common Stock 09/18/2013 M 1,546 A \$17.5 2,646 D Common Stock 09/18/2013 S 1.545 D \$45,0761 1.100 D

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

| 1. Title of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2.<br>Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | 3. Transaction<br>Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution Date,<br>if any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 4.<br>Transaction<br>Code (Instr.<br>8) |   | 5. Number<br>of<br>Derivative<br>Securities<br>Acquired<br>(A) or<br>Disposed<br>of (D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4<br>and 5) |       | 6. Date Exercisable and<br>Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) |                    | 7. Title and<br>Amount of<br>Securities<br>Underlying<br>Derivative Security<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) |  | 8. Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 5) | 9. Number of<br>derivative<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 4) | 10.<br>Ownership<br>Form:<br>Direct (D)<br>or Indirect<br>(I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature<br>of Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |
|---|---|--|---|---|---|---|-------|--|--------------------|--|--|---|--|--|--|
|   |   |  |   | Code                                    | v | (A)   | (D)   | Date<br>Exercisable  | Expiration<br>Date | Title  | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of<br>Shares |   |  |  |  |
| Restricted<br>Stock<br>Units <sup>(1)</sup>         | \$0   | 09/16/2013                                 |   | M                                       |   |   | 8,572 | (2)  | (2)                | Common<br>Stock  | 8,572                                  | \$0   | 8,571  | D  |  |
| Stock<br>Option<br>(right to<br>buy)                | \$17.5  | 09/17/2013                                 |   | M                                       |   |   | 1,118 | (3)  | 09/01/2016         | Common<br>Stock  | 1,118                                  | \$0   | 48,882   | D  |  |
| Stock<br>Option<br>(right to<br>buy)                | \$17.5  | 09/18/2013                                 |   | M                                       |   |   | 1,546 | (4)  | 09/01/2016         | Common<br>Stock  | 1,546                                  | \$0   | 47,336   | D  |  |

# **Explanation of Responses:**

- 1. Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of common stock, par value \$0.01 per share (the "Common Stock"), of Diamondback Energy, Inc. (the "Issuer") and was granted under the Isser's 2012 Stock Incentive Plan.
- $2. \ The remaining 8,571 \ restricted stock units will vest in two approximately equal annual installments beginning on September 1, 2014.$
- 3. Of these options, 23,882 were vested and the remaining 25,000 options to purchase shares of Common Stock will vest in two approximately equal annual installments beginning on September 1, 2014.
- 4. Of these options, 22,336 were vested and the remaining 25,000 options to purchase shares of Common Stock will vest in two approximately equal annual installments beginning on September 1, 2014.

/s/ Randall J. Holder as 09/18/2013 attorney-in-fact for Teresa L **Dick** 

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person Date

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

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4 (b)(v).
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