FORM 4

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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### STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

| 1. Name and Addre  | ess of Reporting Person                | on* | 2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol Diamondback Energy, Inc. [ FANG ] |   | ionship of Reporting Persor<br>all applicable)<br>Director<br>Officer (give title | 10% Owner<br>Other (specify |  |  |
|--|--|-----|--|---|---|-----------------------------|--|--|
| (Last) 500 WEST TEX  | (First) (Middle) EST TEXAS, SUITE 1200 |     | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 11/18/2014                          |   | vP, General Counsel   | below)<br>, Secretary       |  |  |
| (Street) MIDLAND (City)  | MIDLAND TX 79701                       |     | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)                             | 6. 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 |  |     |  |   |   |                             |  |  |

### 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2A. Deemed 5. Amount of 6. Ownership 7. Nature of 2. Transaction 3. Transaction **Execution Date** Securities Form: Direct Indirect if any (Month/Day/Year) Beneficially Owned Following (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) (Month/Day/Year) Code (Instr. 8) Beneficial Ownership Reported (Instr. 4) Transaction(s) Code v Amount Price (Instr. 3 and 4) M (3) 13,131(2) Common Stock 11/18/2014 4,286 A D Common Stock 11/18/2014 S<sup>(1)</sup> 1,643 D \$63.6919(4) 11,488 D S<sup>(1)</sup> \$64.7346(5) Common Stock 11/18/2014 500 D 10,988 D Common Stock 11/20/2014 S 2,143 D \$66.5467(6) 8,845 D Common Stock 11/20/2014 M 12,500 Α \$17.5 21,345 D Common Stock 11/20/2014 12,500 D \$66.3464(7) 8.845 D

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

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|---|---|--|---|-----------------------------------|---|-----|------------------------|--|----------------------------|--|----------------------------------|---|--|--|--|
| 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) | Transaction<br>Code (Instr.<br>8) |   |     |                        | 6. Date Exercisable and<br>Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) |                            | 7. Title and Amount of<br>Securities Underlying<br>Derivative Security<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) |                                  | 8. Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 5) | derivative<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported | 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 or<br>Number of<br>Shares |   | Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 4)   |  |  |
| Restricted<br>Stock<br>Units                        | (3)   | 11/18/2014                                 |   | M                                 |   |     | 4,286 <sup>(8)</sup>   | (8)  | (8)                        | Common<br>Stock  | 4,286                            | \$0.00  | 0(9)   | D  |  |
| Stock<br>Option<br>(right to<br>buy)                | \$17.5  | 11/20/2014                                 |   | М                                 |   |     | 12,500 <sup>(10)</sup> | (10)   | 11/18/2016 <sup>(10)</sup> | Common<br>Stock  | 12,500(10)                       | \$0.00  | 12,500 <sup>(10)</sup>   | D  |  |

# **Explanation of Responses:**

- 1. This sale was effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the reporting person on August 20, 2014.
- 2. This number includes 8,845 restricted stock units that have not yet vested and settled, which were previously reported on Table II. Of these 8,845 restricted stock units, 4,285 will vest on November 18, 2015, and 4,560 restricted stock units will vest in two equal annual installments beginning on January 2, 2015.
- 3. Restricted stock units convert into common stock on a one-for-one basis.
- 4. The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$63.170 to \$64.015, inclusive. The reporting person undertakes to provide to Diamondback Energy, Inc., any security holder of Diamondback Energy, Inc. or the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission, upon request, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price within the ranges set forth in footnotes 4 through 7 of this Form 4.
- 5. The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$64.290 to \$64.990, inclusive.
- 6. The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$66.31 to \$67.00, inclusive
- 7. The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$66.180 to \$67.010, inclusive.
- 8. On October 11, 2012, the reporting person was granted 17,143 restricted stock units, of which 8,572 restricted stock units have previously vested and settled and 4,286 restricted stock units vested on November 18, 2014. The remaining 4,285 restricted stock units will vest on November 18, 2015.
- 9. The reporting person has 8,845 restricted stock units that have not yet vested and settled. These restricted stock units have been moved to Table I and are not reported on Table II.
- 10. All options exercised vested on November 18, 2014. The remaining options to purchase 12,500 shares of common stock will vest on November 18, 2015.

# Remarks:

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

11/20/2014

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

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4 (b)(v).
- \*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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