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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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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 Address of Reporting Person* <u>Franklin William W.</u>			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>Diamondback Energy, Inc. [FANG]</u>			5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) <u>VP Land</u>			
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>10/11/2012</u>						
500 WEST TEXAS SUITE 1225			4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)			6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			
(Street)	(City)	(State)	(Zip)						
<u>MIDLAND</u>	<u>TX</u>	<u>79701</u>							

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			

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

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date						Amount or Number of Shares
Restricted Stock Units ⁽¹⁾	(1)	10/11/2012		A		17,143		(2)	(2)	Common Stock	17,143	\$0	17,143	D	
Stock Option (right to buy) ⁽³⁾	\$17.5 ⁽³⁾	10/11/2012		A		50,000		(3)	08/08/2016 ⁽³⁾	Common Stock	50,000	\$0	50,000	D	

Explanation of Responses:

- 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")
- 4,286 restricted stock units will be vested on the closing date of the initial public offering of the Issuer (the "IPO"). 12,857 restricted stock units will vest in three remaining approximately equal annual installments beginning on August 8, 2013. All restricted stock units are subject to a lock-up agreement entered into by the reporting person in connection with the IPO.
- Options to purchase 12,500 shares of Common Stock will be vested on the closing date of the IPO. Options to purchase 37,500 shares of Common Stock will vest in three remaining approximately equal annual installments beginning on August 8, 2013. All Options are subject to the terms of the reporting person's employment agreement and a lock-up agreement entered into by the reporting person in connection with the IPO.

/s/ Randall J. Holder as
attorney-in-fact for William W. Franklin 10/15/2012

** Signature of Reporting Person Date

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

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

** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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