

FORM 5

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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ANNUAL STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>Wesson Daniel N</u> (Last) (First) (Middle) 500 WEST TEXAS SUITE 1200 (Street) MIDLAND TX 79701 (City) (State) (Zip)	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>Exec. VP & COO</u>
	3. Statement for Issuer's Fiscal Year Ended (Month/Day/Year) <u>12/31/2022</u>	
	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

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 at end of Issuer's Fiscal Year (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock	08/24/2022		A4	24,134 ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾	A	\$0 ⁽¹⁾	57,824	D	

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)
						Date Exercisable	Expiration Date					

Explanation of Responses:

- Pursuant to that certain Agreement and Plan of Merger dated May 15, 2022 by and among the Issuer, Rattler Midstream LP ("Rattler"), Rattler Midstream GP LLC, the general partner of Rattler, and Bacchus Merger Sub Company, a wholly owned subsidiary of the Issuer ("Merger Sub"), on August 24, 2022, Merger Sub merged with and into Rattler, with Rattler surviving as an indirect, wholly owned subsidiary of the Issuer (the "Merger"). At the effective time of the Merger, each outstanding Rattler common unit held by the Reporting Person was converted into the right to receive 0.113 shares of common stock, par value \$0.01 per share ("Common Stock"), of the Issuer.
- Includes 12,915 restricted stock units, each representing a contingent right to receive one share of Common Stock of the Issuer, that are scheduled to vest in two remaining substantially equal installments beginning on May 28, 2023.

Remarks:

/s/ Teresa L. Dick as attorney-in-fact for Daniel N. Wesson 01/11/2023

** 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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