

**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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<b>1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*</b> <u>GULFPORT ENERGY CORP</u>  (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>14313 NORTH MAY AVENUE</u> <u>SUITE 100</u>  (Street) <u>OKLAHOMA OK 73134</u>  (City) (State) (Zip)	<b>2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year)</b> <u>10/11/2012</u>	<b>3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol</b> <u>Diamondback Energy, Inc. [ FANG ]</u>	
		<b>4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)	<b>5. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)</b>  <b>6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
<u>Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share<sup>(2)</sup></u>	<u>7,914,036<sup>(1)</sup></u>	<u>D</u>	

**Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	5. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date				

**Explanation of Responses:**

- This Form 3 is filed by Gulfport Energy Corporation ("Gulfport"), regarding shares of common stock, par value \$0.01 per share (the "Common Stock"), of Diamondback Energy, Inc. (the "Issuer") owned by Gulfport.
- Gulfport previously received 7,914,036 shares of Common Stock from the Issuer in connection with Gulfport's contribution of its oil and natural gas interests in the Permian Basin to the Issuer completed prior to the Issuer's initial public offering.

/s/ Mike Liddell, Chairman of the Board of Gulfport Energy Corporation 10/11/2012

\*\* 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 5 (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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