FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* Dick Teresa L. (Last) (First) (Middle) 500 WEST TEXAS, SUITE 1200 | | on* | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Diamondback Energy, Inc. [FANG] | (Check | ationship of Reporting Pe (all applicable) Director Officer (give title | rson(s) to Issuer 10% Owner Other (specify |
|--|---------|-------|---|------------------------|---|--|
| | | () | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 02/21/2020 | X | below) CAO, Exec. VP, A | below) |
| (Street) MIDLAND | TX | 79701 | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | 6. Indiv Line) X | vidual or Joint/Group Filir Form filed by One Rep Form filed by More that Person | porting Person |
| (City) | (State) | (Zip) | | | | |

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) | Transaction Code (Instr. | | | | | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported | 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 | Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | | (| | |
| Common Stock | 02/21/2020 | | Α | | 11,057(1) | A | \$ <mark>0</mark> | 51,534 | D | | | |
| Common Stock | 02/21/2020 | | F | | 4,956 ⁽²⁾ | D | \$76.4 | 46,578 | D | | | |
| Common Stock | 02/21/2020 | | F | | 828 ⁽³⁾ | D | \$76.4 | 45,750 | 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) | Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | | of Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) Securities Acquired A) or Disposed of (D) Instr. 3, 4 | | | | Expiration Date Amount of | | | 9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4) | derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) | Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect | 11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---|---|--|---|-----------------------------------|---|---|-----|--|--------------------|-------|--|---------------------------|--|--|--|--|--|---|--|
| | | | | Code | v | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | | | | | | | | |

Explanation of Responses:

1. These securities are performance-based restricted stock units for the performance period from January 1, 2017 to December 31, 2019 that were granted under the issuer's equity incentive plan on February 16, 2017. All of these performance-based restricted stock units vested as of December 31, 2019 upon certification by the issuer's compensation committee of the applicable performance conditions on February 21, 2020.

2. The issuer withheld shares of common stock that would have otherwise been issuable to the reporting person to satisfy the issuer's tax withholding obligations in connection with the vesting and settlement of the performance-based restricted stock units granted on February 16, 2017 and vested upon certification by the issuer's compensation committee on February 21, 2020. The number of shares of common stock withheld was determined based on the closing price per share of the issuer's common stock on February 21, 2020.

3. The issuer withheld shares of common stock that would have otherwise been issuable to the reporting person to satisfy the issuer's tax withholding obligations in connection with the vesting and settlement on February 21, 2020 of the third tranche of the time-based restricted stock units granted to the reporting person on February 13, 2018. The number of shares of common stock withheld was determined based on the closing price per share of the issuer's common stock on February 21, 2020.

Remarks:

<u>/s/ Teresa L. Dick</u>

02/25/2020

Date

** Signature of Reporting Person

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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