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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* White Jeffrey L. | | | 2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) 10/11/2012 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Diamondback Energy, Inc. [FANG] | | | | | | | | | |
|--|---------|-------|---|---|---|------------------|--|---|---|-------|--|--|
| (Last) (First) (Middle) 500 WEST TEXAS SUITE 1225 (Street) MIDLAND TX 79701 | | | | 4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owne Officer (give title Other (spec | | (Month/Day/Year) | | | | | | |
| | | 79701 | | | X Officer (give title below) VP Operation | | below) | | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One | | | |
| (City) | (State) | (Zip) | | | | | | | Reporting P | erson | | |
| 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) | | ct (D) (In | 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5) | | | | |
| Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities) | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4) 2. Date Exerc Expiration Do (Month/Day/N | | | ate | | 3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4 | | 4. Conversi or Exerci | e Form: | 6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5) | | | |
| | | | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | n Title | | Amount or Number of Shares | Price of Derivative Security | Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) | | | |

Explanation of Responses:

No securities are beneficially owned.

/s/ Jeffrey L. White

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).
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