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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

Check this box if no longer subject to Section 16. Form 4 or Form 5 obligations may continue. See Instruction 1(b).

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>Hawkins Thomas F.</u> _____ (Last) (First) (Middle) 500 WEST TEXAS AVENUE SUITE 700 _____ (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) Sr. VP - Land
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 02/16/2018	
	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	

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			
Common Stock	02/16/2018		S		655		D	\$126.2262 ⁽¹⁾	7,085	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)
				Code	V		(A)	(D)					

Explanation of Responses:

1. The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average sale price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$126.14 per share to \$126.50 per share, inclusive. The reporting person undertakes to provide to Diamondback Energy, Inc., any security holder of Diamondback Energy, Inc., or the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission, upon request, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price within the range set forth in this footnote.

Remarks:

Exhibit List: Exhibit 24 - Power of Attorney

/s/ Randall J. Holder, as attorney-in-fact for
Thomas F. Hawkins 02/21/2018

** 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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DIAMONDBACK ENERGY, INC.

LIMITED POWER OF ATTORNEY FOR SECTION 13 AND SECTION 16 FILINGS

I, Thomas F. Hawkins, of Diamondback Energy, Inc., do hereby make, constitute and appoint Randall J. Holder and Teresa L. Dick, and each of them acting individually, as my Attorneys-in-Fact, to execute and perform any and all acts for and on my behalf that may be necessary or desirable to complete and execute any such Schedule 13D, Schedule 13G, Form 3, Form 4, and Form 5, and all and any amendments thereto. References in this limited power of attorney to "my Attorney" are to each of the persons named above and to the person or persons substituted hereunder pursuant to the provisions of this instrument. I hereby grant to my Attorney, for me and in my name, place and stead, the power:

1. To execute for and on my behalf, in my capacity as a stockholder of Diamondback Energy, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the "Company"), any Schedule 13D and Schedule 13G, Form 3, Form 4, and Form 5, and all and any amendments thereto;
 2. To execute for and on my behalf, in my capacity as an officer, director and/or stockholder of the Company, Form 3, Form 4, and Form 5, and all and any amendments thereto;
 3. To do and to perform any and all acts for and on my behalf that may be necessary or desirable to complete and execute any such Schedule 13D, Schedule 13G, Form 3, Form 4, and Form 5, and all and any amendments thereto;
 4. To take any other action of any type whatsoever that, in the opinion of my Attorney, may be necessary or desirable in connection with the foregoing grant of authority.
- I hereby grant to my Attorney full power and authority to do and to perform any and every act and thing whatsoever requisite, necessary, or proper to be done in connection with the foregoing. This limited power of attorney shall remain in full force and effect until I am no longer required to file any Schedule 13D, Schedule 13G, Form 3, Form 4 or Form 5. IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand to this instrument on the date first above written.

/s/ Thomas F. Hawkins
THOMAS F. HAWKINS

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF MIDLAND

Before me, on this day personally appeared Thomas F. Hawkins, known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument and acknowledged to me that he executed the same for the purposes and consideration therein expressed. Given under my hand and seal of office this 15th day of May 2017.

Katherine Huff
Notary Public
My Commission Expires: February 3, 2021
[Affix Notary Seal]