

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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transaction was made pursuant to a  
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1(c). See Instruction 10.

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*<br><u>Barkmann Albert</u><br><br>(Last) (First) (Middle)<br><u>500 WEST TEXAS AVENUE</u><br><u>SUITE 100</u><br><br>(Street)<br><u>MIDLAND TX 79701</u><br><br>(City) (State) (Zip) | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol<br><u>Diamondback Energy, Inc. [ FANG ]</u><br>Foreign Trading Symbol | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer<br>(Check all applicable)<br><br>Director 10% Owner<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)<br><br><u>Exec. VP and Chief Engineer</u> |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)<br><u>09/10/2026</u>                                             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | 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) |
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|                                 |                                      |                                                    | Code                           | V | Amount                                                            | (A) or (D) | Price    |                                                                                               |                                                          |                                                       |
| Common Stock                    | 09/10/2026                           |                                                    | F                              |   | 682 <sup>(1)</sup>                                                | D          | \$202.63 | 23,889                                                                                        | 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) |
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|                                            |                                                        |                                      |                                                    |                                |                                                                                        | Date Exercisable                                         | Expiration Date | Title                                                                             | Amount or Number of Shares                 |                                                                                                    |                                                           |                                                        |

Explanation of Responses:

1. 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 September 10, 2026 of the second tranche of the time-based restricted stock units granted to the reporting person on September 10, 2024. The number of shares of common stock withheld was determined based on the closing price per share of the issuer's common stock on September 9, 2026.

Remarks:

/s/ Matt Zmigrosky, as  
attorney-in-fact for Albert 09/14/2026  
Barkmann  
\*\* 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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