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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

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>Van't Hof Matthew Kaes</u>  (Last) (First) (Middle) 500 WEST TEXAS AVENUE SUITE 1200  (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) <u>CFO &amp; Exec. VP - Bus Dev</u>
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>03/01/2019</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)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock	03/01/2019		A		15,381 <sup>(1)</sup>	A	\$0	23,408	D	
Common Stock	03/01/2019		F		1,533 <sup>(2)</sup>	D	\$0	21,875	D	
Common Stock	03/01/2019		A		8,790 <sup>(3)</sup>	A	\$0	30,665	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		Date Exercisable	Expiration Date					

**Explanation of Responses:**

- These securities are restricted stock units, each representing a contingent right to receive one share of common stock, par value \$0.01 per share, of the issuer. These restricted stock units were granted under the issuer's equity incentive plan and will vest in three equal installments beginning on March 1, 2019.
- 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 one-third of the restricted stock units granted on March 1, 2019 reported above. The number of shares of common stock withheld was determined based on the closing price per share of the issuer's common stock on March 1, 2019.
- These securities are restricted stock units, each representing a contingent right to receive one share of common stock, par value \$0.01 per share, of the issuer. These restricted stock units were granted to the reporting person as a retention award under the issuer's equity incentive plan and will vest in five equal installments beginning on March 1, 2025.

**Remarks:**

/s/ Teresa L. Dick, as attorney-in-fact for Matthew Kaes Van't Hof 03/05/2019

\*\* 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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