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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP**

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*<br><u>Pantermuehl Russell</u><br>_____<br>(Last) (First) (Middle)<br>500 WEST TEXAS, SUITE 1200<br>_____<br>(Street)<br>MIDLAND TX 79701<br>_____<br>(City) (State) (Zip) |  |  | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol<br><u>Diamondback Energy, Inc. [ FANG ]</u> |  |  | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer<br>(Check all applicable)<br>Director 10% Owner<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)<br>VP Reservoir Engineering |  |  |
|  |  |  | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)<br>03/12/2014                          |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)                                |  |  | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person<br>Form filed by More than One Reporting Person                                |  |  |

**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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|------------|-----------|---|--|--|
|                                 |                                      |  | Code                           | V | Amount  | (A) or (D) | Price     |   |  |  |
| Common Stock                    | 03/12/2014                           |  | M                              |   | 5,000   | A          | \$17.5    | 9,925   | D  |  |
| Common Stock                    | 03/12/2014                           |  | S                              |   | 5,000   | D          | \$62.5339 | 4,925   | D  |  |
| Common Stock                    | 03/12/2014                           |  | M                              |   | 5,000   | A          | \$17.5    | 9,925   | D  |  |
| Common Stock                    | 03/12/2014                           |  | S                              |   | 5,000   | D          | \$62.461  | 4,925   | 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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
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|  |  |                                      |  | Code                           | V | (A)  | (D) | Date Exercisable   | Expiration Date           | Title   | Amount or Number of Shares |  |  |   |   |
| Stock Option (right to buy)                | \$17.5   | 03/12/2014                           |  | M                              |   | 5,000 <sup>(1)</sup>   |     | (1)  | 08/15/2016 <sup>(1)</sup> | Common Stock  | 5,000 <sup>(1)</sup>       | \$0.00                                     | 65,000 <sup>(1)</sup>  | D   |   |
| Stock Option (right to buy)                | \$17.5   | 03/12/2014                           |  | M                              |   | 5,000 <sup>(2)</sup>   |     | (2)  | 08/15/2016 <sup>(2)</sup> | Common Stock  | 5,000 <sup>(2)</sup>       | \$0.00                                     | 60,000 <sup>(2)</sup>  | D   |   |

**Explanation of Responses:**

- All of these options to purchase 5,000 shares of common stock of the issuer were vested as of August 13, 2013. Of the remaining options, options to purchase 15,000 shares of common stock are vested and options to purchase 50,000 shares of common stock will vest in two equal annual installments beginning on August 15, 2014.
- All of these options to purchase 5,000 shares of common stock of the issuer were vested as of August 13, 2013. Of the remaining options, options to purchase 10,000 shares of common stock are vested and options to purchase 50,000 shares of common stock will vest in two equal annual installments beginning on August 15, 2014.

**Remarks:**

/s/ Randall J. Holder, as  
attorney-in-fact for Russell      03/14/2014  
Pantermuehl

\*\* 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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