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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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| 1 | Section 16. Form 4 or Form 5 |
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| | Instruction 1(b). |

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Diamondback Energy, Inc. [FANG] | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) | | | | | |
|------------------------|---|-------|---|---|---|---------------------------------------|--|--|--|
| HOLDER RA | ANDALL J | | 8 <u>,,</u> [| | Director | 10% Owner | | | |
| (Last) 500 WEST TEX | (First) (Middle) T TEXAS, SUITE 1200 | | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 03/01/2019 | X | Officer (give title below) Executive Vice | Other (specify below) President | | | |
| (Street) MIDLAND | ТХ | 79701 | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | 6. Indiv Line) X | ridual or Joint/Group Fili Form filed by One Re Form filed by More th | porting Person | | | |
| (City) | (State) | (Zip) | | | 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. Transa Code (8) | | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | | | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership |
|---------------------------------|--|---|------------------------------|---|---|---------------|-------------------|---|---|---|
| | | | Code | v | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price | Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | | (Instr. 4) |
| Common Stock | 03/01/2019 | | Α | | 2,564 ⁽¹⁾ | A | \$ <mark>0</mark> | 19,586 | D | |
| Common Stock | 03/01/2019 | | F | | 1,138(2) | D | \$ <mark>0</mark> | 18,448 | 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. Transa Code (8) | | of Expirat Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Date | | Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | | Amount of Securities | | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4) | Ownership Form: Direct (D) | 11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---|---|--|---|------------------------------|---|--|--|-------------------------------------|--------------------|-------------------------|--|---|--|----------------------------------|--|
| | | | | Code | v | | | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | | | | |

Explanation of Responses:

1. 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 vested on March 1, 2019.

2. 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 the restricted stock units granted on March 1, 2019. 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.

Remarks:



** Signature of Reporting Person

03/05/2019 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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