Diamondback Energy, Inc. Form 4

July 14, 2017

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

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See Instruction 1(b).

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

(Last)

1.Title of

Security

(Instr. 3)

Common

Stock

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * WEST STEVEN E

(Middle)

(First)

500 WEST TEXAS, SUITE 1200

(Street)

MIDLAND, TX 79701

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Symbol

Diamondback Energy, Inc. [FANG]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year) 07/12/2017

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

A

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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X Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify below)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Person

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

(City) (State)

07/12/2017

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if

(Zip)

(Month/Day/Year)

4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

(1)

Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported

Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)

D

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)

Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

5. Amount of

Code V Amount (D) Price 2,055

\$0

(A)

4,455

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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1. Title of	2.	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)		4.	5.	6. Date Exercises Date Expiration Da		7. Title and	8. Price of	9. Nu Derix
Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	(Monumbay/Tear)	(Month/Day/Year)	Transacti Code (Instr. 8)	orNumber of Derivativ Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	5		Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	Deriv Secur Bene Owne Follo Repo Trans (Instr
				Code V	, ,		Expiration Date	Title Amount or Number of		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
. 9	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
WEST STEVEN E							
500 WEST TEXAS, SUITE 1200	X						
MIDLAND, TX 79701							

Signatures

/s/ Randall J. Holder, as attorney-in-fact for Steven E. West 07/14/2017

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * 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).

These securities are restricted stock units, each representing a contingent right to receive one share of common stock, par value \$0.01 per (1) share, of the issuer. These restricted stock units were granted under the issuer's 2016 Equity Incentive Plan and will vest on the earlier of the one-year anniversary of the date of grant and the date of the 2018 annual meeting of stockholders of the issuer.

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