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See Instruction

1(b).

Stock

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name an Molnar P	d Address of Reporting aul	Symbol	uer Name and Ticker or Trading l ondback Energy, Inc. [FANG]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)				
(Last)	(First)		of Earliest Transaction					
500 WES	T TEXAS, SUITE	•	n/Day/Year) /2017	Director 10% Owner _X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below) Exec. VP Exploration & Bus Dev				
	(Street)		mendment, Date Original Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X Form filed by One Reporting Person				
MIDLAN	ND, TX 79701			Form filed by More than One Reporting Person				
(City)	(State)	(Zip) Ta	able I - Non-Derivative Securities Ac	equired, 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)	Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	Securities Ownership Indirect Beneficially Form: Beneficial Owned Direct (D) Ownership Following or Indirect (Instr. 4) Reported (I) Transaction(s) (Instr. 4) (Instr. 3 and 4)				
Stock	12/20/2017		S 5,000 D 117.45	581 32,563 D				

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)

(1)

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1. Title of	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5.	6. Date Exer	cisable and	7. Title	and	8. Price of	9. Nu
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				Code V	(A) (D)				Shares		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Molnar Paul 500 WEST TEXAS, SUITE 1200

Exec. VP Exploration & Bus Dev

Signatures

MIDLAND, TX 79701

/s/ Randall J. Holder, as attorney-in-fact for Paul Molnar

12/21/2017

**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).

The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average sale price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$117.36 per share to \$117.50 per share, inclusive. The reporting person undertakes to provide to Diamondback Energy, Inc., any security holder of Diamondback Energy, Inc., or the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission, upon request, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price within the range set forth in this footnote.

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