Dick Teresa L. Form 4 February 15, 2018

FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Dick Teresa L.			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer			
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	Diamondback Energy, Inc. [FANG] 3. Date of Earliest Transaction	(Check all applicable)			
500 WEST TEXAS, SUITE 1200			(Month/Day/Year) 02/13/2018	Director 10% OwnerX Officer (give title Other (special below) CFO, Exec. VP, Assist. Sec.			
	(Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person			
MIDLAND, TX 79701				Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			

(City)	(State) (Z	Zip) Table	I - Non-D	erivative S	ecurit	ies Acq	uired, Disposed o	of, or Beneficial	ly Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)		3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired n(A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following	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	Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)		
Common Stock	02/13/2018		A	5,598 (1)	A	\$0	26,358	D	
Common Stock	02/14/2018		A	12,022 (2)	A	\$0	38,380	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. Title of	f 2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5.	6. Date Exerc	cisable and	7. Title	e and	8. Price of	9. Nu
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Security	or Exercise		any	Code	of	(Month/Day/	Year)	Under	lying	Security	Secui
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						Exercisable	Date		of		
				Code V	(A) (D)				Shares		
				Code v	(A) (D)				Shares		

Reporting Owners

Relationships Reporting Owner Name / Address

> Officer Other Director 10% Owner

Dick Teresa L. 500 WEST TEXAS, SUITE 1200 MIDLAND, TX 79701

CFO, Exec. VP, Assist. Sec.

Signatures

/s/ Randall J. Holder as attorney-in-fact for Teresa L. Dick

02/15/2018

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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- 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 securities are restricted stock units that were granted under the issuer's equity incentive plan and will vest in three equal annual installments beginning on February 21, 2018.
- These securities are performance based restricted stock units for the performance period January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2017 that were (2) granted under the issuer's equity incentive plan. All of these performance based restricted stock units vested as of December 31, 2017 upon certification by the issuer's compensation committee of attainment of the applicable performance conditions on February 14, 2018.

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