

Diamondback Energy, Inc.
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FORM 4

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
Molnar Paul

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 500 WEST TEXAS, SUITE 1200
 (Street)

MIDLAND, TX 79701

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

Diamondback Energy, Inc. [FANG]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)

12/10/2015

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 VP Geoscience

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)

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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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V Amount (A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock	12/10/2015		M	8,000 A \$ 17.5	34,648	D	
Common Stock	12/10/2015		S	8,000 D \$ 77.5516 (1)	26,648	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 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 Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 17.5	12/10/2015		M	8,000 (2)	(2) 08/15/2016(2)	Common Stock	8,000 (2)

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Molnar Paul 500 WEST TEXAS, SUITE 1200 MIDLAND, TX 79701			VP Geoscience	

Signatures

/s/ Randall J. Holder, as attorney-in-fact for Paul Molnar
 12/14/2015
 **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).
- (1) The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average sale price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$77.50 per share to \$77.67 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.
- (2) All of the options to purchase 8,000 shares of common stock of the issuer were vested at the time of exercise.

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