

Diamondback Energy, Inc.
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FORM 4

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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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)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
HOLDER RANDALL J

(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)

02/19/2016

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, General Counsel, Secretary

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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount or Price		
Common Stock	02/19/2016		A		13,680 (1)	A	\$ 0 25,860 D
Common Stock	02/19/2016		S		13,308	D	\$ 69.933 (2) 12,552 D
Common Stock	02/19/2016		S		6,600	D	\$ 69.1167 (3) 5,952 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)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Owned Beneficially (Instr. 5)
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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
HOLDER RANDALL J 500 WEST TEXAS, SUITE 1200 MIDLAND, TX 79701			VP, General Counsel, Secretary	

Signatures

/s/ Randall J.
Holder 02/23/2016

**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) These securities are performance based restricted stock units that were granted under the issuer's 2012 Equity Incentive Plan for the performance period January 1, 2013 to December 31, 2015. All of these performance based restricted stock units vested as of December 31, 2015 upon certification by the issuer's compensation committee of attainment of the applicable performance conditions and settlement of these units on February 19, 2016.
- (2) The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average sale price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$69.52 per share to \$70.18 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 footnotes (2) and (3) of this Form 4.
- (3) The price reported in Column 4 is a weighed average sale price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$68.52 per share to \$69.51 per share, inclusive.

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