

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>HOLDER RANDALL J</u> (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>500 WEST TEXAS, SUITE 1225</u> (Street) <u>MIDLAND TX 79701</u> (City) (State) (Zip) | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>Diamondback Energy, Inc. [FANG]</u> | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) <u>VP, General Counsel, Secretary</u> |
| | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>09/16/2013</u> | |
| 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | | |

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 | (A) or (D) | Price | | | |
| Common Stock | 09/16/2013 | | M | | 4,286 | A | \$0 | 4,286 | D | |
| Common Stock | 09/16/2013 | | S | | 4,286 | D | \$44.71 | 0 | D | |
| Common Stock | 09/17/2013 | | M | | 12,500 | A | \$17.5 | 12,500 | D | |
| Common Stock | 09/17/2013 | | S | | 12,500 | D | \$44.5064 | 0 | D | |

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 Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4) | 10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | |
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| | | | | Code | V | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | | | | | | Title |
| Restricted Stock Units ⁽¹⁾ | \$0 | 09/16/2013 | | M | | | 4,286 | (2) | (2) | Common Stock | 4,286 | \$0 | 12,857 | D | |
| Stock Option (right to buy) | \$17.5 | 09/17/2013 | | M | | | 12,500 | (3) | 11/18/2016 | Common Stock | 12,500 | \$0 | 37,500 | D | |

Explanation of Responses:

- Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of common stock, par value \$0.01 per share (the "Common Stock"), of Diamondback Energy, Inc. (the "Issuer") and was granted under the Isser's 2012 Stock Incentive Plan.
- The remaining 12,857 restricted stock units will vest in three approximately equal annual installments beginning on November 18, 2013.
- The remaining options to purchase 37,500 shares of Common Stock will vest in three approximately equal annual installments beginning on November 18, 2013.

/s/ Randall J. Holder 09/18/2013

** Signature of Reporting Person Date

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

* 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).

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