

Diamondback Energy, Inc.
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FORM 4

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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 *
 Pantermuehl Russell

(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)

03/12/2014

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 Reservoir Engineering

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 (A) or (D) Price | | |
| Common Stock | 03/12/2014 | | M | | 5,000 A \$ 17.5 | 9,925 | D |
| Common Stock | 03/12/2014 | | S | | 5,000 D \$ 62.5339 | 4,925 | D |
| Common Stock | 03/12/2014 | | M | | 5,000 A \$ 17.5 | 9,925 | D |
| Common Stock | 03/12/2014 | | S | | 5,000 D \$ 62.461 | 4,925 | 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 | 03/12/2014 | | M | 5,000 <u>(1)</u> | <u>(1)</u> 08/15/2016 ⁽¹⁾ | Common Stock | 5,000 <u>(1)</u> |
| Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 17.5 | 03/12/2014 | | M | 5,000 <u>(2)</u> | <u>(2)</u> 08/15/2016 ⁽²⁾ | Common Stock | 5,000 <u>(2)</u> |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|--------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Pantermuehl Russell 500 WEST TEXAS, SUITE 1200 MIDLAND, TX 79701 | | | VP Reservoir Engineering | |

Signatures

/s/ Randall J. Holder, as attorney-in-fact for Russell Pantermuehl 03/14/2014

__Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

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(1) All of these options to purchase 5,000 shares of common stock of the issuer were vested as of August 13, 2013. Of the remaining options, options to purchase 15,000 shares of common stock are vested and options to purchase 50,000 shares of common stock will vest in two

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equal annual installments beginning on August 15, 2014.

- All of these options to purchase 5,000 shares of common stock of the issuer were vested as of August 13, 2013. Of the remaining options,
- (2) options to purchase 10,000 shares of common stock are vested and options to purchase 50,000 shares of common stock will vest in two equal annual installments beginning on August 15, 2014.

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