

Franklin William W.
Form 4
October 15, 2012

FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
Franklin William W.

(Last) (First) (Middle)

500 WEST TEXAS, SUITE 1225

(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)

10/11/2012

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

____ Director ____ 10% Owner
____X____ Officer (give title ____ Other (specify
below) below)

VP Land

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
____X____ Form filed by One Reporting Person
____ Form filed by More than One Reporting
Person

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	(D)	Price

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	2. Conversion or Exercise	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	4. Transaction Code	5. Number of Derivative Securities	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)
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(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Restricted Stock Units <u>(1)</u>	<u>(1)</u>	10/11/2012			A		17,143		<u>(2)</u>	<u>(2)</u>	Common Stock	17,143
Stock Option (right to buy) <u>(3)</u>	\$ 17.5 <u>(3)</u>	10/11/2012			A		50,000		<u>(3)</u>	08/08/2016 <u>(3)</u>	Common Stock	50,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Franklin William W. 500 WEST TEXAS SUITE 1225 MIDLAND, TX 79701				VP Land

Signatures

/s/ Randall J. Holder as attorney-in-fact for William W.
Franklin

10/15/2012

 Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

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** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. *See* 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

(1) 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")

(2) 4,286 restricted stock units will be vested on the closing date of the initial public offering of the Issuer (the "IPO"). 12,857 restricted stock units will vest in three remaining approximately equal annual installments beginning on August 8, 2013. All restricted stock units are subject to a lock-up agreement entered into by the reporting person in connection with the IPO.

(3) Options to purchase 12,500 shares of Common Stock will be vested on the closing date of the IPO. Options to purchase 37,500 shares of Common Stock will vest in three remaining approximately equal annual installments beginning on August 8, 2013. All Options are subject to the terms of the reporting person's employment agreement and a lock-up agreement entered into by the reporting person in connection with the IPO.

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