Hawkins Thomas F. Form 4 February 21, 2018

FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

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may continue.

See Instruction

30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person ** Hawkins Thomas F.			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Diamondback Energy, Inc. [FANG]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer		
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction	(Check all applicable)		
			(Month/Day/Year)	Director 10% Owner		
500 WEST TEXAS AVENUE, SUITE 700			02/16/2018	X Officer (give title Other (specification) below) Sr. VP - Land		
	(Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check		
MIDLAND,	TX 79701		Filed(Month/Day/Year)	Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		
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(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tab	ole I - Non-	Derivativ	e Secı	ırities Acquir	red, Disposed of,	or Beneficiall	y Owned
1.Title of	2. Transaction Date		3.			cquired (A)	5. Amount of Securities	6. Ownership	7. Nature of Indirect
Security (Instr. 3)	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if any	Transaction Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			Beneficially	Form:	Beneficial	
		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)				Owned Following	Direct (D) or Indirect	Ownership (Instr. 4)
					(A)		Reported	(I)	(
			Code V	Amount	or	Price	Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	(Instr. 4)	
Common Stock	02/16/2018		S	655	D	\$ 126.2262 (1)	7,085	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)

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1. Title of	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5.	6. Date Exer	cisable and	7. Title	and	8. Price of	9. Nu
Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transaction	orNumber	Expiration D	ate	Amour	nt of	Derivative	Deriv
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						Date	Expiration		or		
						Exercisable	Date		Number		
				~					of		
				Code V	(A) (D)				Shares		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
F	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
Hawkins Thomas F.							
500 WEST TEXAS AVENUE			Sr. VP - Land				
SUITE 700		Si. VF - Land					
MIDLAND, TX 79701							

Signatures

/s/ Randall J. Holder, as attorney-in-fact for Thomas F.
Hawkins

02/21/2018

**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).

The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average sale price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$126.14 per share to \$126.50 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.

Remarks:

Exhibit List: Exhibit 24 - Power of Attorney

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