Soliman Jennifer Form 4 February 15, 2018

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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(City)

(State)

(Zip)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Soliman Jennifer			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Diamondback Energy, Inc. [FANG]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer			
		OK 111 \		(Check all applicable)			
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction				
			(Month/Day/Year)	Director 10% Owner			
500 WEST TEXAS AVENUE, SUITE 1200		IUE,	02/13/2018	X Officer (give title Other (specify below)			
				Sr. VP and Chief HR Officer			
(Street)			4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check			
			Filed(Month/Day/Year)	Applicable Line)			
MIDLAND, TX 79701				_X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reportin Person			

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1.Title of	2. Transaction Date	2A. Deemed	3.	4. Securities	5. Amount of	6. Ownership	7. Nature of			
Security	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transactio	onAcquired (A) or	Securities	Form: Direct	Indirect			
(Instr. 3)		any	Code	Disposed of (D)	Beneficially	(D) or	Beneficial			
		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	(Instr. 3, 4 and 5	5) Owned	Indirect (I)	Ownership			
					Following	(Instr. 4)	(Instr. 4)			
				(4)	Reported					
				(A)	Transaction(s)					
			$C \perp V$	or	(Instr. 3 and 4)					
			Code V	Amount (D)	Price (Figure 4 and 1)					

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Common Stock	02/13/2018	A		1,869 (1)	A	\$0	1,869	D

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

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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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						Exercisable	Date		Number		
				~					of		
				Code V	(A) (D)				Shares		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Soliman Jennifer 500 WEST TEXAS AVENUE, SUITE 1200 MIDLAND, TX 79701

Sr. VP and Chief HR Officer

Signatures

/s/ Randall J. Holder, as attorney-in-fact for Jennifer Soliman

02/15/2018

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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These securities are restricted stock units, each representing a contingent right to receive one share of common stock, par value \$0.01 per (1) share, of the issuer. These restricted stock units were granted under the issuer's equity incentive plan and will vest in three equal annual installments beginning on February 21, 2018.

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