

Diamondback Energy, Inc.
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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 Houston David L

(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)
 07/15/2014

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)

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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| | | | Code | V | Amount (A) or (D) Price | | |
| Common Stock | 07/15/2014 | | A | | 2,802 (1) | A | \$ 0 9,468 (2) 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 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) | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of Derivative Securities Owned Following Reporting Transaction (Instr. 6) |
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Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Houston David L 500 WEST TEXAS SUITE 1225 MIDLAND, TX 79701 | X | | | |

Signatures

/s/ Randall J. Holder, as attorney-in-fact for David L.
Houston

07/17/2014

**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) These securities are restricted stock units that were granted under Diamondback Energy, Inc.'s (the "Issuer") 2012 Equity Incentive Plan. 934 of these restricted stock units vested on July 15, 2014, and the remaining 1,868 restricted stock units will vest in two equal annual installments beginning on July 1, 2015. Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of common stock of the Issuer, par value \$0.01 per share.

(2) This number includes 6,666 shares of common stock underlying restricted stock units granted in connection with the Issuer's IPO, which were previously reported in Table II. Of these 6,666 shares underlying restricted stock units, 4,444 have vested, and the remaining 2,222 restricted stock units will vest on October 11, 2014. Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of common stock of the Issuer, par value \$0.01 per share.

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