Dick Teresa L. Form 4 October 15, 2012

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

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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(b).

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Dick Teresa L.

(Last)

(First) (Middle)

500 WEST TEXAS, SUITE 1225

(Street)

MIDLAND, TX 79701

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

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Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify

below) CFO, Sr. VP

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

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Person

(City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year)

Execution Date, if (Month/Day/Year)

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 8)

(Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

Code V Amount (D) Price

(A)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported

Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

6. Ownership Form: Direct (I)

7. Nature of Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial Ownership

(Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

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

Conversion or Exercise

(Month/Day/Year)

3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any

4. 5. Number of **Transaction**Derivative Code 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	o (] (]	Acquired or Dispose D) Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	ed of				
				Code '	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Share
Restricted Stock Units (1)	(1)	10/11/2012		A	1	17,143		(2)	<u>(2)</u>	Common Stock	17,14
Stock Option (right to buy) (3)	\$ 17.5 <u>(3)</u>	10/11/2012		A	5	50,000		<u>(3)</u>	09/01/2016 <u>(3)</u>	Common Stock	50,00

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships							
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other				
Dick Teresa L.								
500 WEST TEXAS			CFO, Sr. VP					
SUITE 1225			C1 O, 51. V1					
MIDLAND, TX 79701								

Signatures

/s/ Randall J. Holder as attorney-in-fact for Teresa L.

Dick

**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).
- (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")
- 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(2) units will vest in three remaining approximately equal annual installments beginning on September 1, 2013. All restricted stock units are subject to a lock-up agreement entered into by the reporting person in connection with the IPO.
- 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 September 1, 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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