FORM 4

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

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	Instruction 1(b).						
	1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*		2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Diamondback Energy Inc. [FANC]				

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person [*] Molnar Paul			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Diamondback Energy, Inc. [FANG]		tionship of Reporting Pers all applicable) Director Officer (give title	on(s) to Issuer 10% Owner Other (specify				
(Last) 500 WEST TE	(First) XAS, SUITE 1200	(Middle))	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 02/21/2017		below) VP Geoscient	below)				
(Street)			4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	6. Indiv Line)	ridual or Joint/Group Filing	(Check Applicable				
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	Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned									

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)		2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transa Code (8)		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		Securities Beneficially	Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
			Code	v	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)		(11311.4)
Common Stock	02/21/2017		S		9,263	D	\$106.9764 ⁽¹⁾	47,563	D	

Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities) 1. Title of 6. Date Exercisable and 7. Title and 9. Number of 3. Transaction 3A. Deemed 5. Number 8. Price of 10. 11. Nature Derivative Security (Instr. 3) Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) Conversion Execution Date Transaction Amount of Derivative derivative Ownership of Indirect Date (Month/Day/Year) of Derivative Code (Instr. 8) Securities Security (Instr. 5) or Exercise if anv Securities Form: Beneficial Beneficially Owned Price of Derivative (Month/Day/Year) Securities Underlying Direct (D) Ownership (Instr. 4) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) Acquired Derivative (A) or Disposed Following Reported Security Security (Instr. 3 and 4) of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Transaction(s) (Instr. 4) Amount o Number Date Expiration of Code ν (A) (D) Exercisable Date Title Shares

Explanation of Responses:

1. The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average sale price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$106.70 per share to \$107.62 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:

/s/ Randall J. Holder, as attorney-in-fact for Paul <u>Molnar</u>

02/23/2017

** Signature of Reporting Person Date

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

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4 (b)(v).

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