FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>Pantermuehl Russell</u> | | | | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Diamondback Energy, Inc. [FANG] | | | | | | | | | all applica Director | ble) | Perso | n(s) to Issu 10% Ow | ner |
|---|---|--|--|-------------------------------|------|---|---|----------------------|----------------------------------|--------|---|-------------------------------|--|------------------------|---|---|-------|--|--|
| (Last) (First) (Middle) 500 WEST TEXAS, SUITE 1200 | | | | | | | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 02/20/2015 | | | | | | | | below) | cer (give title ow) VP Reservoir | | Other (s below) ineering | pecify |
| , | MIDLAND TX 79701 | | | | | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | | | | | | | | 6. Indiv Line) X | vidual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | | | | |
| (City) | (S | state) | (Zip) | D. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Table I - Non-Deriv 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Transact Date (Month/Day | | | action | on 2A. Deemed Execution Date, | | med on Date, | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. | | 4. Securities A Disposed Of (| | 5. Amoun Securities Beneficia Owned Fo | s Ily | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | Code | v | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price | | | | Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | | (Instr. 4) | |
| Common Stock 02/20/2 | | | | 0/2015 |)15 | | М | | 5,000 | A | \$1 | 7.5 | 40,919 | | | D | | | |
| Common Stock 02/20/2 | | | | 0/2015 |)15 | | S | | 4,900 | D | \$75.3 | 715(2) | 36,019 | | | D | | | |
| Common Stock 02/20/20 | | | | 0/2015 |)15 | | S | | 100 | D | \$76 | 5.25 | 35,919 | | | D | | | |
| | | | Table I | | | | | | | | posed of, , convertib | | | | vned | | | | |
| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deem Execution if any (Month/Da | Date, Trans Code | | action (Instr. | Derivative | | 6. Date Expirat (Month | ion Da | | of Secu Underly Derivat | 7. Title and Amou of Securities Underlying Derivative Securit (Instr. 3 and 4) | | 3. Price of Derivative Security Instr. 5) | 9. Number derivative Securities Beneficial Owned Following Reported Transactio | ly Di | 10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
| | | | | | Code | v | (A) | (D) | Date Exercis | sable | Expiration Date | Title | Amo or Num of Sha | nber | | (Instr. 4) | on(a) | | |
| Stock Option | \$17.5 | 02/20/2015 | | | М | | | 5,000 ⁽¹⁾ | (1) |) | 08/15/2016 ⁽¹⁾ | Commo | on 5,00 | 00(1) | \$0.00 | 40,000 | (1) | D | |

Explanation of Responses:

- 1. All of these options to purchase 5,000 shares of common stock of the issuer were vested at the time of exercise. Of the remaining options to purchase 40,000 shares of common stock of the issuer, options to purchase 15,000 shares of common stock are vested and options to purchase 25,000 shares of common stock will vest on August 15, 2015.
- 2. The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average sale price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$75.000 per share to \$75.730 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:

buy)

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

02/24/2015

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** Signature of Reporting Person

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

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