

**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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<b>1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*</b> <u>Trent Melanie Montague</u> (Last) (First) (Middle) 500 WEST TEXAS, SUITE 1200 (Street) MIDLAND TX 79701 (City) (State) (Zip)	<b>2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year)</b> 04/23/2018	<b>3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol</b> <u>Diamondback Energy, Inc. [ FANG ]</u>	
		<b>4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director 10% Owner Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)	<b>5. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)</b>  <b>6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
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**Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	5. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date				

**Explanation of Responses:**

**Remarks:**

Exhibit List: Exhibit 24 - Power of Attorney  
 No securities are beneficially owned.

/s/ Randall J. Holder, as attorney-in-fact for  
Melanie M. Trent 05/03/2018  
 \*\* 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 5 (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).

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DIAMONDBACK ENERGY, INC.

LIMITED POWER OF ATTORNEY FOR SECTION 13 AND SECTION 16 FILINGS

I, Melanie Montague Trent, do hereby make, constitute and appoint Randall J. Holder and Teresa L. Dick, and each of them acting individually, my true and lawful References in this limited power of attorney to "my Attorney" are to each of the persons named above and to the person or persons substituted hereunder pursuant I hereby grant to my Attorney, for me and in my name, place and stead, the power:

1. To execute for and on my behalf, in my capacity as a stockholder of Diamondback Energy, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the "Company"), any Schedule 13D and Schedule 13G, Form 3, Form 4, and Form 5, and all and any amendments
2. To execute for and on my behalf, in my capacity as an officer, director and/or stockholder of the Company, Form 3, Form 4, and Form 5, and all and any amendments
3. To do and to perform any and all acts for and on my behalf that may be necessary or desirable to complete and execute any such Schedule 13D, Schedule 13G, Form 3, Form 4, and Form 5, and all and any amendments
4. To take any other action of any type whatsoever that, in the opinion of my Attorney, may be necessary or desirable in connection with the foregoing grant of authority

I hereby grant to my Attorney full power and authority to do and to perform any and every act and thing whatsoever requisite, necessary, or proper to be done in connection with the foregoing. This limited power of attorney shall remain in full force and effect until I am no longer required to file any Schedule 13D, Schedule 13G, Form 3, Form 4 or Form 5.  
[Signature Page Follows]

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand to this instrument on the date first above written.

s/ Melanie Montague Trent  
Melanie Montague Trent

STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF Harris

Before me, on this day personally appeared Melanie Montague Trent, known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument and acknowledged to me that she executed the same for the purposes and consideration therein expressed. Given under my hand and seal of office this 23rd day of April, 2018.

s/ Hemiksha Patel  
Notary Public  
My Commission Expires: 01-14-2022  
[Affix Notary Seal]