FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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| 1. Name and Add Pantermueh | ress of Reporting P | 'erson [*] | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>Diamondback Energy, Inc.</u> [FANG] | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner |
| (Last) 500 WEST TE | (First) XAS, SUITE 12 | (Middle) | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 06/01/2016 | X Officer (give title Other (specify below) VP Reservoir Engineering |
| (Street) MIDLAND (City) | TX (State) | 79701 (Zip) | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person |

| 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. Transa Code (8) | | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | | |
| | | | Code | v | Amount | ount (A) or (D) Price | | Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | | (111341.4) | |
| Common Stock | 06/01/2016 | | S ⁽¹⁾ | | 700 | D | \$90.58(2) | 72,814 | D | | |
| Common Stock | 06/01/2016 | | S ⁽¹⁾ | | 1,300 | D | \$91.7336(3) | 71,514 | D | | |
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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 (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. Transa Code (8) | | of | | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | | 7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4) | | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4) | 10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
| | | | | Code | v | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | | | | |

Explanation of Responses:

- 1. The transactions reported in this Form 4 were effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan.
- 2. The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average sale price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$90.23 per share to \$91.10 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 footnotes 2 and 3 of this Form 4.
- 3. The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average sale price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$91.37 per share to \$92.03 per share, inclusive.

Remarks:

/s/ Randall J. Holder, as attorney-in-fact for Russell 06/02/2016 **Pantermuehl**

** 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).
- ** 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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