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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Ad Hollis Micha	•	rting Person *	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Diamondback Energy, Inc. [FANG]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)			
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction				
500 WEST TEXAS, SUITE 1200 (Street) MIDLAND, TX 79701			(Month/Day/Year) 02/13/2018	Director 10% Owner X Officer (give title Other (special below) President and COO			
			4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Chec Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person			
				Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acc	es Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owne			

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tabl	le I - Non-I	Derivative	Secur	ities Ac	equired, Dispose	d of, or Benefi	cially Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securit on(A) or Dis (D) (Instr. 3, 4	sposed	of	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	02/13/2018		A	11,835 (1)	A	\$0	72,855	I (2)	By MBH Investments, Ltd. (2)
Common Stock	02/14/2018		A	60,112 (3)	A	\$0	132,967	I (2)	By MBH Investments, Ltd. ⁽²⁾

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	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5.	6. Date Exerc	cisable and	7. Title	and	8. Price of	9. Nu
Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	TransactionNumber		Expiration Date		Amoun	t of	Derivative	Deriv
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						Exercisable	Date		Number		
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				Code V	(A) (D)				Shares		

Reporting Owners

Relationships Reporting Owner Name / Address

> Officer Other Director 10% Owner

Hollis Michael L. 500 WEST TEXAS **SUITE 1200** MIDLAND, TX 79701

President and COO

Signatures

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

02/15/2018

**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).
- These securities are restricted stock units, each representing a contingent right to receive one share of common stock, par value \$0.01 per (1) share, of the issuer. These restricted stock units were granted under the issuer's equity incentive plan and will vest in three equal annual installments beginning on February 21, 2018.
- These securities are performance based restricted stock units for the performance period January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2017 that were (2) granted under the issuer's equity incentive plan. All of these performance based restricted stock units vested as of December 31, 2017 upon certification by the issuer's compensation committee of attainment of the applicable performance conditions on February 14, 2018.
- These securities are held by MBH Investments, Ltd., which is managed by MBH Financial, LLC, its general partner. Mr. Hollis, his (3) spouse, and the Hollis 2014 Irrevocable Trust hold 100% of the membership interests in MBH Financial, LLC, of which Mr. Hollis is the manager.

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