Hollis Michael L. Form 4 January 18, 2018

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

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5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

(Check all applicable)

Issuer

Director

January 31, 2005

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10% Owner

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Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Diamondback Energy, Inc. [FANG]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year)

Symbol

(Middle)

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

Hollis Michael L.

(Last)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

(First)

500 WEST TEXAS, SUITE 1200			01/16/2018				X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below) President and COO			
	(Street)	4. If A	4. If Amendment, Date Original				6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check			
MIDLAN	D, TX 79701	Filed(N					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 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)	on Date, if Transaction Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			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	01/16/2018		S(1)	1,200	D	\$ 128.8483 (2)	62,820	I (3)	By MBH Investments, Ltd. (3)	
Common Stock	01/16/2018		S(1)	1,500	D	\$ 129.5533 (4)	61,320	I (3)	By MBH Investments, Ltd. (3)	
Common Stock	01/16/2018		S <u>(1)</u>	300	D	\$ 130.29	61,020	I (3)	By MBH Investments, Ltd. (3)	

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 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. Transact Code (Instr. 8)	5. onNumber of Derivativ Securities Acquired		ate	Amou Under Secur	le and ant of rlying rities . 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Nu Deriv Secur Bene Own Follo
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				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

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

01/18/2018

**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).
- (1) The transactions reported in this Form 4 were effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan.
- The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average sale price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$128.21 per share to \$129.17 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 4 of this Form 4.
- These securities are held by MBH Investments, Ltd., which is managed by MBH Financial, LLC, its general partner. Mr. Hollis, his spouse, and the Hollis 2014 Irrevocable Trust hold 100% of the membership interests in MBH Financial, LLC, of which Mr. Hollis is the manager.
- (4) The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average sale price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$129.28 per share to \$129.88 per share, inclusive.

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