

Pantermuehl Russell
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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 Pantermuehl Russell

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 500 WEST TEXAS, SUITE 1200
 (Street)

MIDLAND, TX 79701

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

Diamondback Energy, Inc. [FANG]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)

09/20/2017

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 Exec. VP Reservoir Engineering

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

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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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock	09/20/2017		S		2,000	D	\$ 96.3922 (1)
Common Stock	09/20/2017		S		2,000	D	\$ 97.3898 (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)

Table with columns: 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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8), 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5), 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year), 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4), 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5), 9. Number of Derivative Securities Owned Beneficially (Instr. 5), 10. Derivative Security Reported on this Form (Instr. 3 and 4), 11. Date Reported on this Form (Instr. 3 and 4), 12. Title of Issuer (Instr. 3 and 4), 13. CUSIP Number (Instr. 3 and 4), 14. ISIN Number (Instr. 3 and 4), 15. Other Identification Number (Instr. 3 and 4), 16. Name of Issuer (Instr. 3 and 4), 17. Name of Reporting Person (Instr. 3 and 4), 18. Relationship to Issuer (Instr. 3 and 4), 19. Title (Instr. 3 and 4), 20. Amount or Number of Shares (Instr. 3 and 4)

Reporting Owners

Table with columns: Reporting Owner Name / Address, Relationships (Director, 10% Owner, Officer, Other). Reporting Owner: Pantermuehl Russell, 500 WEST TEXAS, SUITE 1200, MIDLAND, TX 79701. Relationship: Exec. VP Reservoir Engineering.

Signatures

/s/ Randall J. Holder, as attorney-in-fact for Russell Pantermuehl 09/21/2017
**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 price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average sale price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$96.31 per share to \$96.44 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 1 & 2 of this Form 4.
(2) The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average sale price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$97.33 per share to \$97.42 per share, inclusive.
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