

Stice Travis D.
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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 *
Stice Travis D.

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)
500 WEST TEXAS, SUITE 1200

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
02/13/2018

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)

Chief Executive Officer

(Street)
MIDLAND, TX 79701

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

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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	02/13/2018		A	(A) 20,391 (1)	\$ 0 217,733	I (2)	By Stice Investments, Ltd.
Common Stock	02/14/2018		A	(A) 180,338 (3)	\$ 0 398,071	I (2)	By Stice Investments, Ltd.

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. 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 Following Transaction (Instr. 5)
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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Stice Travis D. 500 WEST TEXAS, SUITE 1200 MIDLAND, TX 79701	X		Chief Executive Officer	

Signatures

/s/ Randall J. Holder as attorney-in-fact for Travis D. Stice
 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).

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(1) These securities are restricted stock units, each representing a contingent right to receive one share of common stock, par value \$0.01 per 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.

(2) These securities are performance based restricted stock units for the performance period January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2017 that were 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.

(3) These securities are held by Stice Investments, Ltd., which is managed by Stice Management, LLC, its general partner. Mr. Stice and his spouse hold 100% of the membership interests in Stice Management, LLC, of which Mr. Stice is the manager.

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