

Diamondback Energy, Inc.
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FORM 4

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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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 *
Molnar Paul

(Last) (First) (Middle)

500 WEST TEXAS, SUITE 1225

(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)

09/19/2013

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)

VP Geoscience

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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| | | | Code | V | Amount | (D) | Price |
| Common Stock | 09/19/2013 | | M | | 1,719 | A | \$ 17.5 |
| Common Stock | 09/19/2013 | | S | | 1,719 | D | \$ 44.8673 |
| Common Stock | 09/20/2013 | | M | | 11,511 | A | \$ 17.5 |
| Common Stock | 09/20/2013 | | S | | 11,511 | D | \$ 43.1726 |

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) | Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|----------------------------|
| Stock Option (right to buy) ⁽¹⁾ | \$ 17.5 ⁽¹⁾ | 09/19/2013 | | M | 1,719 ⁽¹⁾ | ⁽¹⁾ 08/15/2016 ⁽¹⁾ | Common Stock | 1,719 ⁽¹⁾ |
| Stock Option (right to buy) ⁽²⁾ | \$ 17.5 ⁽²⁾ | 09/20/2013 | | M | 11,511 ⁽²⁾ | ⁽²⁾ 08/15/2016 ⁽²⁾ | Common Stock | 11,511 ⁽²⁾ |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Molnar Paul 500 WEST TEXAS SUITE 1225 MIDLAND, TX 79701 | | | VP Geoscience | |

Signatures

/s/ Randall J. Holder, as attorney-in-fact for Paul Molnar
09/26/2013

**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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All of these 1,719 options to purchase shares of common stock of the issuer were vested as of August 15, 2013. Of the remaining options, (1) options to purchase 24,556 shares of common stock are vested and options to purchase 50,000 shares of common stock will vest in two approximately equal annual installments beginning on August 15, 2014.

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All of these 11,511 options to purchase shares of common stock of the issuer were vested as of August 15, 2013. Of the remaining (2) options, options to purchase 13,045 shares of common stock are vested and options to purchase 50,000 shares of common stock will vest in two approximately equal annual installments beginning on August 15, 2014.

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