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FORM 4

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

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Stock

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person <u>*</u> Stice Travis D.			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol					5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer			
			Diamondback Energy, Inc. [FANG]					(Check all applicable)			
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of	f Earliest 7	Transaction						
			(Month/I	Day/Year)				_X_ Director		10% Owner	
500 WEST	TEXAS, SUITE	1200	01/02/2	018				X Officer (below) Chi	give title below ef Executive (,	
		4. If Amendment, Date Original					6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check				
				nth/Day/Yea	_			Applicable Line _X_ Form filed) by One Reportin	ng Person	
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(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Tab	le I - Non-	Derivative	Secur	ities A	equired, Dispose	d of, or Benef	icially Owned	
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)		Date, if	3. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securit or(A) or Dis (Instr. 3, 4)	sposed	of (D)	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	01/02/2018			S ⁽¹⁾	35,000	D	\$	197.342	I (2)	By Stice Investments.	

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)

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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. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	5. onNumber of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D)		ate	7. Title a Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 a	of ng s	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Nu Deriv Secur Bene Owne Follo Repo Trans (Instr
				Code V	(Instr. 3, 4, and 5) (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	or Title Nu of	umber		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
Reporting Owner Faunc / Fauncess	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
01/03/2018

**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.
- (2) 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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