Plaumann Mark Lawrence Form 4

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \* 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Plaumann Mark Lawrence Issuer Symbol Diamondback Energy, Inc. [FANG] (Check all applicable) (First) (Middle) (Last) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) X Director 10% Owner Other (specify Officer (give title 500 WEST TEXAS, SUITE 1225 10/11/2012 below) (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) \_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

MIDLAND, TX 79701

(City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 4. Securities 5. Amount of 6. Ownership 7. Nature of Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if TransactionAcquired (A) or Securities Form: Direct Indirect (Instr. 3) Code Disposed of (D) Beneficially (D) or Indirect Beneficial (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Owned Ownership Following (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Reported (A) Transaction(s) or (Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price

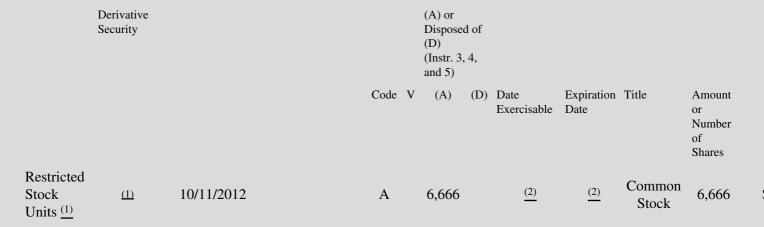
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#### Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5. Number	6. Date Exercisable and	7. Title and Amount of	8. Pt
Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transactio	onof Derivative	Expiration Date	<b>Underlying Securities</b>	Deri
Security	or Exercise		any	Code	Securities	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 3 and 4)	Secu
(Instr. 3)	Price of		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Acquired			(Inst

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# **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships				
1	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other	
Plaumann Mark Lawrence 500 WEST TEXAS SUITE 1225 MIDLAND, TX 79701	X				

## **Signatures**

/s/ Randall J. Holder, as attorney-in-fact for Mark L.
Plaumann

\*\*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) Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of common stock, par value \$0.01 per share (the "Common Stock"), of Diamondback Energy, Inc. (the "Issuer").
- 2,222 restricted stock units will be vested on the closing date of the initial public offering of the Issuer (the "IPO"). 4,444 restricted stock(2) units will vest in two remaining equal annual installments beginning on the first annivesary date of the IPO. All restricted stock units are subject to a lock-up agreement entered into by the reporting person in connection with the IPO.

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