

Stice Travis D.  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
Stice Travis D.

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
500 WEST TEXAS AVENUE,  
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)

02/21/2019

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)

Chief Executive Officer

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	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock	02/21/2019		A		22,230 (1)	A	\$ 0	333,151	I	By Stice Investments Ltd. (2)
Common Stock	02/21/2019		A		90,168 (3)	A	\$ 0	423,319	I	By Stice Investments Ltd. (2)
Common Stock	02/22/2019		F		8,748 (4)	D	\$ 102.14	414,571	I	By Stice Investments Ltd. (2)
Common Stock	02/22/2019		F		34,012 (5)	D	\$ 102.14	380,559	I	By Stice Investments

Common Stock	02/22/2019	F	2,916 (6)	D	\$ 102.14	377,643	I	Ltd. (2) By Stice Investments Ltd. (2)
Common Stock	02/22/2019	F	2,675 (7)	D	\$ 102.14	374,968	I	By Stice Investments Ltd. (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)

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 Beneficially Owned (Instr. 3 and 4)
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## Reporting Owners

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

## Signatures

/s/ Teresa L. Dick, as attorney-in-fact for Travis D. Stice  
02/25/2019

\*\*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) These securities are performance-based restricted stock units for the performance period from January 1, 2017 to December 31, 2018 that were granted under the issuer's equity incentive plan on February 16, 2017. All of these performance-based restricted stock units vested as of December 31, 2018 upon certification by the issuer's compensation committee of the applicable performance conditions on February 21, 2019.

(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.

(3) These securities are performance-based restricted stock units for the performance period from January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2018 that were granted under the issuer's equity incentive plan on January 19, 2016. All of these performance-based restricted stock units vested as of December 31, 2018 upon certification by the issuer's compensation committee of the applicable performance conditions on February 21, 2019.

(4) The issuer withheld shares of common stock that would have otherwise been issuable to the reporting person to satisfy the issuer's tax withholding obligations in connection with the vesting and settlement of the performance-based restricted stock units granted on February 16, 2017 and vested upon certification by the issuer's compensation committee on February 21, 2019. The number of shares of common stock withheld was determined based on the closing price per share of the issuer's common stock on February 22, 2019.

(5) The issuer withheld shares of common stock that would have otherwise been issuable to the reporting person to satisfy the issuer's tax withholding obligations in connection with the vesting and settlement of the performance-based restricted stock units granted on January 19, 2016 and vested upon certification by the issuer's compensation committee on February 21, 2019. The number of shares of common stock withheld was determined based on the closing price per share of the issuer's common stock on February 22, 2019.

(6) The issuer withheld shares of common stock that would have otherwise been issuable to the reporting person to satisfy the issuer's tax withholding obligations in connection with the vesting and settlement on February 22, 2019 of the third tranche of the time-based restricted stock units granted to the reporting person on February 16, 2017. The number of shares of common stock withheld was determined based on the closing price per share of the issuer's common stock on February 22, 2019.

(7) The issuer withheld shares of common stock that would have otherwise been issuable to the reporting person to satisfy the issuer's tax withholding obligations in connection with the vesting and settlement on February 22, 2019 of the second tranche of the time-based restricted stock units granted to the reporting person on February 13, 2018. The number of shares of common stock withheld was determined based on the closing price per share of the issuer's common stock on February 22, 2019.

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