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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Krug George G	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer			
(Last) (First) (Middle)	Matador Resources Co [MTDR] 3. Date of Earliest Transaction	(Check all applicable)			
5400 LBJ FREEWAY, SUITE 1500	(Month/Day/Year) 02/15/2018	Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify below) SVP - Mktg and Midstream			
(Street)	4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person			
DALLAS, TX 75240		Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tabl	e I - Non-I	Derivative (Securi	ities Acqu	uired, Disposed of	, or Beneficial	ly Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3. 4. Securities Acquired Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8) (A) or			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)	Securities Ownership Beneficially Form: Direct Owned (D) or Following Indirect (I) Reported (Instr. 4) Transaction(s)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)		
Common Stock	02/15/2018		Code V F	Amount 2,396 (1)	(D)	Price \$ 29.57	(Instr. 3 and 4) 62,973 (2) (3) (4) (5)	D	
Common Stock	02/16/2018		A	26,954 (6)	A	\$ 0	89,927 (2) (3) (4) (5)	D	

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. Transacti Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of or Derivative Securities Acquired (A or Disposed (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	Expiration I (Month/Day	Date	7. Title and A Underlying S (Instr. 3 and	Securities
				Code V	(A) (Date Exercisable D)	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option	\$ 29.68	02/16/2018		A	31,645	<u>(7)</u>	02/15/2024	Common Stock	31,645

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Krug George G 5400 LBJ FREEWAY SUITE 1500 DALLAS, TX 75240

SVP - Mktg and Midstream

Signatures

/s/ George G. Krug, by Kyle A. Ellis as attorney-in-fact

02/20/2018

**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).
- Represents shares withheld by the Issuer in connection with the reporting person's net share settlement to satisfy tax liability upon the vesting of 6,114 shares of restricted stock that were granted to the reporting person on February 15, 2017. No shares were sold by the reporting person to satisfy this tax liability.
- (2) Includes 12,228 shares of restricted stock granted to the reporting person on February 15, 2017 that vest in equal annual installments on the second and third anniversaries of the date of grant.
- (3) Includes 13,960 shares of restricted stock granted to the reporting person on February 19, 2016 that vest on the third anniversary of the date of grant.
- (4) Includes 8,696 shares of restricted stock granted to the reporting person on October 5, 2015 that vest on the third anniversary of the date of grant
- (5) Includes 1,104 shares of restricted stock granted to the reporting person on March 17, 2014 that vest on the fourth anniversary of the date of grant.
- (6) Represents shares of restricted stock granted to the reporting person on February 16, 2018 that vest in equal annual installments on the first, second and third anniversaries of the date of grant.

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(7) The employee stock options vest in equal annual installments on the first, second and third anniversaries of the date of grant.

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