Stice Travis D.
Form 4
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FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

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

(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)
10/11/2012

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

_____ Director _____ 10% Owner
__X__ Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
Chief Executive Officer

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
_X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person
___ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

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			

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	2. Conversion or Exercise	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	4. Transaction Code	5. Number of Derivative Securities	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount Underlying Securitie (Instr. 3 and 4)

(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)							
			Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amou Numb Shares
Restricted Stock Units (1)	(1)	10/11/2012	A		57,143		(2)	(2)	Common Stock	57,1
Stock Option (right to buy) (3)	$ 17.5 (3)	10/11/2012	A		300,000		(3)	04/18/2016(3)	Common Stock	300,(

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Stice Travis D. 500 WEST TEXAS SUITE 1225 MIDLAND, TX 79701			Chief Executive Officer	

Signatures

/s/ Randall J. Holder as attorney-in-fact for Travis D. Stice	10/15/2012
**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) 14,286 restricted stock units will be vested on the closing date of the initial public offering of the Issuer (the "IPO"). 42,857 restricted stock units will vest in three remaining approximately equal annual installments beginning on April 18, 2013. All restricted stock units are subject to a lock-up agreement entered into by the reporting person in connection with the IPO.

(3) Options to purchase 75,000 shares of Common Stock will be vested on the closing date of the IPO. Options to purchase 225,000 shares of Common Stock will vest in three remaining approximately equal annual installments beginning on April 18, 2013. All Options are subject to the terms of the reporting person's employment agreement and a lock-up agreement entered into by the reporting person in connection with the IPO.

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