

WEST STEVEN E  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

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

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
**WEST STEVEN E**  
  
(Last) (First) (Middle)  
  
**C/O WEXFORD CAPITAL LP, 411 WEST PUTNAM AVE.**  
  
(Street)  
  
**GREENWICH, CT 06830**  
  
(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  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)

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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)		
				(A) or (D)	Code	V	Amount	(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 of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Underlying Securities
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(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	(Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Restricted Stock Units <sup>(1)</sup>	<u>(1)</u>	10/11/2012	A	6,666						<u>(2)</u>	<u>(2)</u>	Common Stock	6,666

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
WEST STEVEN E C/O WEXFORD CAPITAL LP 411 WEST PUTNAM AVE. GREENWICH, CT 06830		X		

## Signatures

/s/ Steven E. West 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) 2,222 restricted stock units will be vested on the closing date of the initial private offering of the Issuer (the "IPO"). 2,222 restricted stock units will be vested on the first annual anniversary of the closing date of the IPO. 2,222 restricted stock units will be vested on the second annual anniversary of the closing date of the IPO. All restricted stock units are subject to certain lock-up agreements the holder has entered into in connection with the IPO. These restricted stock units have been assigned to Wexford Capital LP.

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