

FORM 3

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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * GULFPORT ENERGY CORP	2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) 10/11/2012	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Diamondback Energy, Inc. [FANG]	
		4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below)	5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)
(Last) (First) (Middle) 14313 NORTH MAY AVENUE, SUITE 100	(Street) OKLAHOMA CITY, OK 73134	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person	
(City) (State) (Zip)	Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned		

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share (2)	7,914,036 (1)	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 Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)		4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares			

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
GULFPORT ENERGY CORP 14313 NORTH MAY AVENUE SUITE 100 OKLAHOMA CITY, OK 73134	X	X		

Signatures

/s/ Mike Liddell, Chairman of the Board of Gulfport Energy Corporation	10/11/2012
<small>Signature of Reporting Person</small>	<small>Date</small>

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(b)(v).

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- (1) This Form 3 is filed by Gulfport Energy Corporation ("Gulfport"), regarding shares of common stock, par value \$0.01 per share (the "Common Stock"), of Diamondback Energy, Inc. (the "Issuer") owned by Gulfport.
- (2) Gulfport previously received 7,914,036 shares of Common Stock from the Issuer in connection with Gulfport's contribution of its oil and natural gas interests in the Permian Basin to the Issuer completed prior to the Issuer's initial public offering.

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