

Diamondback Energy, Inc.
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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

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

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 | Â |

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 | 5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: | 6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5) |
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| Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | Security | Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) |
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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

__Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

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