

Viper Energy Partners LP
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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 *
 Diamondback Energy, Inc.

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 Viper Energy Partners LP [VNOM]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
 (Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 500 WEST TEXAS AVENUE,
 SUITE 1200
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
 (Month/Day/Year)
 08/01/2016

____ Director 10% Owner
 ____ Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
 Director by deputization

MIDLAND, TX 1200
 (City) (State) (Zip)

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

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 Indirect Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Units representing limited partner interests	08/01/2016		P		2,000,000 <u>(1)</u> <u>(2)</u>	A	\$ 15.6
					72,450,000	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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Nu Deriv Secur Bene Own Follo Rep Trans (Instr
						Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
						Code	V	(A)	(D)

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Diamondback Energy, Inc. 500 WEST TEXAS AVENUE, SUITE 1200 MIDLAND, TX 1200		X		Director by deputization

Signatures

/s/ Randall J. Holder, as Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary 08/03/2016

__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) As of the date hereof, Diamondback Energy, Inc. owns 84% of the limited partner interests of Viper Energy Partners LP (the "Issuer") and a 100% limited liability company interest in Viper Energy Partners GP LLC, which owns a non-economic general partner interest in the Issuer. The Reporting Person may be deemed to be a director by deputization as a result of its ability to appoint the directors of Viper Energy Partners GP LLC.
- (2) On August 1, 2016, Diamondback Energy, Inc. purchased 2,000,000 common units from the underwriters in an underwritten public offering by the Issuer at \$15.60 per unit, which is the price per common unit paid by the underwriters to the Issuer.

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