UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the

Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of report (Date of earliest event reported): May ${\bf 3}, {\bf 2021}$

DIAMONDBACK ENERGY, INC.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

DE

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

001-35700

(Commission File Number)

45-4502447

(I.R.S. Employer

Identification Number)

| 500 West Texas Suite 1200 Midland, TX (Address of principal | | 79701 (Zip code) |
|---|---|--|
| executive offices) | | |
| (Reg | (432) 221-7400 gistrant's telephone number, including area c | ode) |
| (Former | Not Applicable name or former address, if changed since last | st report) |
| Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K is interprovisions: | ended to simultaneously satisfy the fili | ng obligation of the Registrant under any of the following |
| $\hfill \Box$ Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the | Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425) | |
| ☐ Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exc | change Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12) | |
| ☐ Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14 | 4d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 24 | 0.14d-2(b)) |
| ☐ Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13 | Se-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 24) | 0.13e-4(c)) |
| Securities registered p | pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Securities Ex | exchange Act of 1934: |
| Title of each class Common Stock | Trading Symbol(s) FANG | Name of each exchange on which registered The Nasdaq Stock Market LLC (NASDAQ Gobal Select Market) |
| Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging gra 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2 of this | | of the Securities Act of 1933 (§230.405 of this chapter) or Rule |
| Emerging growth company \square | | |
| If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the refinancial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13 | | stended transition period for complying with any new or revised |
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Item 2.02. Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

On May 3, 2021, Diamondback Energy, Inc. issued a press release reporting financial and operating results for the first quarter ended March 31, 2021 and the first quarter 2021 cash dividend. A copy of the press release is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits

(d) Exhibits

| Exhibit Number | Description |
|----------------|---|
| 99.1 | Press release, dated May 3, 2021, entitled "Diamondback Energy, Inc. Announces First Quarter 2021 Financial and Operating Results." |
| 104 | Cover Page Interactive Data File (formatted as Inline XBRL). |

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

DIAMONDBACK ENERGY, INC.

May 3, 2021 Date:

By: /s/ Teresa L. Dick

Name: Teresa L. Dick

Executive Vice President, Chief Accounting Officer and Assistant Secretary Title: