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**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): January 10, 2024**

**DIAMONDBACK ENERGY, INC.**

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

<b>DE</b>	<b>001-35700</b>	<b>45-4502447</b>
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)	(Commission File Number)	(I.R.S. Employer Identification Number)

**500 West Texas Ave.  
Suite 100  
Midland, TX**  
(Address of principal  
executive offices)

**79701**  
(Zip code)

**(432) 221-7400**  
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

**Not Applicable**  
(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the Registrant under any of the following provisions:

- ☐ Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
- ☐ Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- ☐ Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- ☐ Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934:

<b>Title of each class</b>	<b>Trading Symbol(s)</b>	<b>Name of each exchange on which registered</b>
Common Stock	FANG	The Nasdaq Stock Market LLC (NASDAQ Global Select Market)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2 of this chapter).

Emerging growth company ☐

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act. ☐

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**Item 2.02. Results of Operations and Financial Condition.**

Diamondback Energy, Inc. (“Diamondback”) presents in this Item 2.02 certain information for the quarter ended December 31, 2023 regarding its derivative activity, realized prices, and weighted average basic and diluted shares outstanding.

**Realized Prices**

Fourth quarter 2023 average unhedged realized prices were \$76.42 per barrel of oil, \$1.29 per Mcf of natural gas and \$19.96 per barrel of natural gas liquids (“NGLs”).

Fourth quarter 2023 average realized hedged prices were \$75.59 per barrel of oil, \$1.31 per Mcf of natural gas and \$19.96 per barrel of NGLs.

**Average Prices:**

Oil (\$ per Bbl)	\$	76.42
Natural gas (\$ per Mcf)	\$	1.29
Natural gas liquids (\$ per Bbl)	\$	19.96
Oil, hedged (\$ per Bbl) <sup>(1)</sup>	\$	75.59
Natural gas, hedged (\$ per Mcf) <sup>(1)</sup>	\$	1.31
Natural gas liquids, hedged (\$ per Bbl) <sup>(1)</sup>	\$	19.96

(1) Hedged prices reflect the effect of our commodity derivative transactions on our average sales prices and include gains and losses on cash settlements for matured commodity derivatives, which we do not designate for hedge accounting. Hedged prices exclude gains or losses resulting from the early settlement of commodity derivative contracts.

**Derivative Activity**

For the fourth quarter of 2023, Diamondback anticipates a net loss on cash settlements for derivative instruments of \$48 million and a net gain on non-cash derivative instruments of \$147 million.

	(in millions)
(Gain) loss on derivative instruments, net:	
Commodity contracts	\$ 58
Interest rate swaps	41
Total	<u>\$ 99</u>
Cash received (paid) on settlement of derivative instruments:	
Commodity contracts	\$ (21)
Interest rate swaps	(27)
Total	<u>\$ (48)</u>

**Weighted Average Basic and Diluted Shares Outstanding**

The components of basic and diluted weighted average shares outstanding for the three months ended December 31, 2023 are as follows:

	Three months ended December 31, 2023
	(in thousands)
Basic weighted average shares outstanding	178,811
Diluted weighted average shares outstanding	178,811

## *Forward-Looking Statements*

This report contains “forward-looking statements” within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act and Section 21E of the Exchange Act, which involve risks, uncertainties, and assumptions. All statements, other than statements of historical fact, including statements regarding Diamondback’s: future performance; business strategy; future operations (including drilling plans and capital plans); estimates and projections of revenues, losses, costs, expenses, returns, cash flow, and financial position; reserve estimates and its ability to replace or increase reserves; anticipated benefits of strategic transactions (including acquisitions and divestitures); and plans and objectives of management (including plans for future cash flow from operations and for executing environmental strategies) are forward-looking statements. When used in this report, the words “aim,” “anticipate,” “believe,” “continue,” “could,” “estimate,” “expect,” “forecast,” “future,” “guidance,” “intend,” “may,” “model,” “outlook,” “plan,” “positioned,” “potential,” “predict,” “project,” “seek,” “should,” “target,” “will,” “would,” and similar expressions (including the negative of such terms) as they relate to Diamondback are intended to identify forward-looking statements, although not all forward-looking statements contain such identifying words. Although Diamondback believes that the expectations and assumptions reflected in its forward-looking statements are reasonable as and when made, they involve risks and uncertainties that are difficult to predict and, in many cases, beyond Diamondback’s control. Accordingly, forward-looking statements are not guarantees of future performance and Diamondback’s actual outcomes could differ materially from what Diamondback has expressed in its forward-looking statements.

Factors that could cause the outcomes to differ materially include (but are not limited to) the following: changes in supply and demand levels for oil, natural gas, and natural gas liquids, and the resulting impact on the price for those commodities; the impact of public health crises, including epidemic or pandemic diseases and any related company or government policies or actions; actions taken by the members of OPEC and Russia affecting the production and pricing of oil, as well as other domestic and global political, economic, or diplomatic developments, including any impact of the ongoing war in Ukraine and the Israel-Hamas war on the global energy markets and geopolitical stability; instability in the financial markets; concerns over a potential economic slowdown or recession; inflationary pressures; rising interest rates and their impact on the cost of capital; regional supply and demand factors, including delays, curtailment delays or interruptions of production, or governmental orders, rules or regulations that impose production limits; federal and state legislative and regulatory initiatives relating to hydraulic fracturing, including the effect of existing and future laws and governmental regulations; physical and transition risks relating to climate change and the risks and other factors disclosed in Diamondback’s filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission, including its Forms 10-K, 10-Q and 8-K, which can be obtained free of charge on the Securities and Exchange Commission’s web site at <http://www.sec.gov>.

In light of these factors, the events anticipated by Diamondback’s forward-looking statements may not occur at the time anticipated or at all. Moreover, Diamondback operates in a very competitive and rapidly changing environment and new risks emerge from time to time. Diamondback cannot predict all risks, nor can it assess the impact of all factors on its business or the extent to which any factor, or combination of factors, may cause actual results to differ materially from those anticipated by any forward-looking statements it may make. Accordingly, you should not place undue reliance on any forward-looking statements made in this report. All forward-looking statements speak only as of the date of this report or, if earlier, as of the date they were made. Diamondback does not intend to, and disclaims any obligation to, update or revise any forward-looking statements unless required by applicable law.

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**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.

Date: January 10, 2024

By: /s/ Teresa L. Dick  
Name: Teresa L. Dick  
Title: Executive Vice President, Chief Accounting Officer and Assistant Secretary