

Viper Energy Partners LP  
 Form 3  
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**FORM 3 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
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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 <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol |  |
| Â Diamondback Energy, Inc.                |         | (Month/Day/Year)                     | Viper Energy Partners LP [VNOM]                    |  |
| (Last)                                    | (First) | (Middle)                             | 06/17/2014   |  |
| 500 WEST TEXAS AVENUE,<br>SUITE 1200      |         |                                      | 4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer   | 5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)                   |
| (Street)                                  |         |                                      | (Check all applicable)                             |  |
| MIDLAND,Â TXÂ 79701                       |         |                                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Director                  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner                          |
| (City)                                    | (State) | (Zip)                                | <input type="checkbox"/> Officer                   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other                              |
|   |         |                                      | (give title below)                                 | (specify below)  |
|   |         |                                      | Director by deputization                           | 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  |

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**

| 1. Title of Security<br>(Instr. 4)                  | 2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned<br>(Instr. 4) | 3. Ownership Form:<br>Direct (D)<br>or Indirect (I)<br>(Instr. 5) | 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership<br>(Instr. 5) |
|---|--|---|--|
| Common units representing limited partner interests | 0 <u>(1)</u> <u>(2)</u>                                  | 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<br>(Instr. 4) | 2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security<br>(Instr. 4) | 4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative | 5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: | 6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership<br>(Instr. 5) |
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|---------------------|--------------------|-------|----------------------------------|----------|--|
| Date<br>Exercisable | Expiration<br>Date | Title | Amount or<br>Number of<br>Shares | Security | Direct (D)<br>or Indirect<br>(I)<br>(Instr. 5) |
|---------------------|--------------------|-------|----------------------------------|----------|--|

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address   | Relationships |           |         |                             |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------|-----------------------------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other                       |
| Diamondback Energy, Inc.<br>500 WEST TEXAS AVENUE, SUITE 1200<br>MIDLAND, TX 79701 | ^             | ^ X       | ^       | Director by<br>deputization |

## Signatures

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

06/16/2014

\_\_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) As of the date hereof, the Reporting Person owns all 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) As described in the Issuer's Registration Statement on Form S-1 (No. 333-195769), immediately prior to and in connection with the closing of the initial public offering of the Issuer (the "Offering"), the Reporting Person will contribute its 100% limited liability company interest in Viper Energy Partners LLC to the Issuer in exchange for the issuance to the Reporting Person of up to 71,200,000 common units.

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