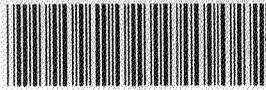


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By Electronic Mail

October 11, 2012

Mr. Jeffery Thomas
Chief, IT Services
Division of Corporation Finance
U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission
100 F Street, N.E.
Washington, D.C. 20549



Dear Mr. Thomas:

This is to certify that on October 11, 2012 The Nasdaq Stock Market (the "Exchange") received from Diamondback Energy, Inc. (the "Registrant") a copy of the Registrant's application on Form 8-A 12(b) for the registration of the following security:

Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share

We further certify that the security described above have been approved by the Exchange for listing and registration upon official notice of issuance.

* We understand that the Registrant is seeking effectiveness of the Form 8-A 12(b) concurrently with effectiveness of its 1933 Act Registration Statement, and we hereby join in such request.

Sincerely,

William Slattery