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FORM 4

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2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

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5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

See Instruction 1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

Hairford Matthew V			Symbol Matador Resources Co [MTDR]				21	Issuer			
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction			(Check all applicable)					
5400 LBJ FREEWAY, SUITE 1500			(Month/Day/Year) 02/15/2017					Director 10% Owner Specify Delow Delow Delow President			
				4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)				6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person			
DALLAS, TX 75240								Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Tab	le I - Non-I	Derivative S	Securi	ties Ac	quired, Disposed	of, or Benefici	ally Owned	
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction D (Month/Day/Yea	ar) Execution	med on Date, if Day/Year)	3. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securit on(A) or Dis (D) (Instr. 3, 4)	sposed	of	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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
Common Stock	02/15/2017			A	36,317 (1)	A	\$ 0	257,851 (2) (3) (4) (5)	D		
Common Stock								5,000	I	Represents shares held of record by the reporting person's Individual Retirement	

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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of orDerivative 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)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option	\$ 27.26	02/15/2017		A	93,927	<u>(6)</u>	02/14/2023	Common Stock	93,927

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
Renorting Owner Name / Address	

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Hairford Matthew V 5400 LBJ FREEWAY SUITE 1500 DALLAS, TX 75240

President

Signatures

/s/ Matthew V. Hairford, by Kyle A. Ellis as attorney-in-fact

02/17/2017

Date

**Signature of Reporting Person

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) Represents shares of restricted stock granted to the reporting person on February 15, 2017 that vest in equal annual installments on the first, second and third anniversaries of the date of grant.
- (2) Includes 31,992 shares of restricted stock granted to the reporting person on February 19, 2016 that vest on the third anniversary of the date of grant.
- (3) Includes 2,885 shares of restricted stock granted to the reporting person on March 7, 2014 that vest on the fourth anniversary of the date of grant
- (4) Includes 1,269 shares of restricted stock granted to the reporting person on February 11, 2014 that vest on the fourth anniversary of the date of grant.

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- (5) Includes 25,000 shares of restricted stock granted to the reporting person on March 8, 2013 that vest on the fourth anniversary of the date of grant.
- (6) The employee stock options vest in equal annual installments on the first, second and third anniversaries of the date of grant.

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