Hairford Matthew V Form 4 January 25, 2018

FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

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Form 5

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Hairford Matthew V Issuer Symbol Matador Resources Co [MTDR] (Check all applicable) (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify 5400 LBJ FREEWAY, SUITE 1500 01/23/2018 below) below) President (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting DALLAS, TX 75240 Person

(City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 3. 4. Securities Acquired 5. Amount of 7. Nature of Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Securities Ownership Indirect (Instr. 3) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Beneficially Form: Direct Beneficial (Month/Day/Year) Owned Ownership (Instr. 8) (D) or Following Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) Reported (Instr. 4) (A) Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price Common 355,767 (1) \$ 01/23/2018 M 58,750 A D Stock 8.21 (2) (3) (4) 323,722 (1) Common 32,045 \$ F 01/23/2018 D D (5) (2) (3) (4) Stock 33.3

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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. Transacti Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of orDerivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exer Expiration D (Month/Day)	ate	7. Title and A Underlying S (Instr. 3 and	Securities
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option	\$ 8.21	01/23/2018		M	58,750	<u>(6)</u>	03/07/2018	Common Stock	58,750

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
•	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
Hairford Matthew V							
5400 LBJ FREEWAY			D 11				

5400 LBJ FREEWAY SUITE 1500 DALLAS, TX 75240

President

Signatures

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

01/25/2018

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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) Includes 36,317 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.

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- (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.
- Represents shares withheld by the Issuer in connection with the reporting person's net share settlement to satisfy the exercise price and tax (5) liability upon the exercise of 58,750 employee stock options that were granted to the reporting person on March 8, 2013. No shares were sold by the reporting person to satisfy the exercise price or the tax liability.
- (6) The employee stock options vested in two equal biennial installments and were fully vested as of March 8, 2017.

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