

Matador Resources Co  
 Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**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

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
 Nicklin David F

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 5400 LBJ FREEWAY, SUITE 1500  
 (Street)

DALLAS, TX 75240

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 Matador Resources Co [MTDR]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
 (Month/Day/Year)  
 03/07/2014

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 Exec. Director - Exploration

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 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 Ownership (Instr. 4)   |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| Common Stock                    | 03/07/2014                           |  | A                              | (A) or (D)<br>A   | Amount<br>6,811<br>(1)<br>Price<br>\$ 0   | 47,317 (2) (3)<br>(4) (5) (6)                            | D   |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 37,600  | I  | Represents shares held of record by the reporting person's Individual Retirement Account. |

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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number of Derivative 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) | Amount or Number of Shares |  |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|----------------------------|--|
|  |  |                                      |  | Code                           | V (A) (D)   | Date Exercisable   | Expiration Date   | Title                      |  |
| Employee Stock Option                      | \$ 23.4  | 03/07/2014                           |  | A                              | 13,622  | (7) 03/06/2019   | Common Stock  | 13,622                     |  |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address  | Relationships |           |                              |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|------------------------------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                      | Other |
| Nicklin David F<br>5400 LBJ FREEWAY<br>SUITE 1500<br>DALLAS, TX 75240 |               |           | Exec. Director - Exploration |       |

## Signatures

/s/ David F. Nicklin, by Kyle A. Ellis as attorney-in-fact

03/11/2014

\*\*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) Represents shares of restricted stock granted to the reporting person on March 7, 2014. Such shares of restricted stock will vest in two equal biennial installments beginning on the second anniversary of the date of grant, March 7, 2016.
- (2) Includes 2,537 shares of restricted stock granted to the reporting person on February 11, 2014. Such shares of restricted stock will vest in two equal biennial installments beginning on the second anniversary of the date of grant, February 11, 2016.
- (3) Includes 15,000 shares of restricted stock granted to the reporting person on March 8, 2013. Such shares of restricted stock will vest following the fourth anniversary of the date of grant, March 8, 2017.
- (4) Includes 7,657 shares of restricted stock granted to the reporting person on April 16, 2012. Such shares of restricted stock will vest in two equal biennial installments beginning on the second anniversary of the date of grant, April 16, 2014.

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- Includes 7,656 shares of restricted stock granted to the reporting person on April 16, 2012. Such shares of restricted stock will vest
- (5) following the third anniversary of the date of grant, April 16, 2015, in an amount to be determined based upon the achievement of certain performance conditions as specified in the reporting person's award agreement.

- Includes 7,656 restricted stock units granted to the reporting person on April 16, 2012. Such restricted stock units will vest, and an applicable number of shares of common stock will be deliverable to the reporting person, following the third anniversary of the date of grant, April 16, 2015, in an amount to be determined based upon the achievement of certain performance conditions as specified in the reporting person's award agreement.
- (6)

- The employee stock options vest in two equal biennial installments beginning on the second anniversary of the date of grant, March 7, 2016.
- (7)

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