

Matador Resources Co
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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 Goodwin Billy E

(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)
 03/14/2017

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)
 SVP - Operations

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 Indirect Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V Amount (A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock	03/14/2017		M	18,750 A \$ 8.18	118,377 ⁽¹⁾ ₍₂₎	D	
Common Stock	03/14/2017		F	11,751 ₍₃₎ D \$ 22.92	106,626 ⁽¹⁾ ₍₂₎	D	

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)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option	\$ 8.18	03/14/2017		M	18,750	(4) 03/11/2018	Common Stock 18,750

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Goodwin Billy E 5400 LBJ FREEWAY SUITE 1500 DALLAS, TX 75240			SVP - Operations	

Signatures

/s/ Billy E. Goodwin, by Kyle A. Ellis as attorney-in-fact
 03/16/2017
 **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 21,552 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 the grant.
- (2) Includes 19,777 shares of restricted stock granted to the reporting person on February 19, 2016 that vest on the third anniversary of the date of the grant.
- (3) Represents shares withheld by the Issuer in connection with the reporting person's net share settlement to satisfy the exercise price and tax liability upon the exercise of 18,750 employee stock options that were granted to the reporting person on March 12, 2013. No shares were sold by the reporting person to satisfy the exercise price or the tax liability.
- (4) The employee stock options were fully vested as of March 12, 2017.

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