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FORM 4

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SECURITIES

(Print or Type Responses)

1(b).

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Goodwin Billy E	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer			
(Last) (First) (Middle)	Matador Resources Co [MTDR] 3. Date of Earliest Transaction	(Check all applicable)			
5400 LBJ FREEWAY, SUITE 1500	(Month/Day/Year) 01/18/2018	Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify below) EVP - Operations			
(Street)	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) Table	e I - Non-D	erivative	Secur	ities Acqu	uired, Disposed of	, or Beneficial	y Owned	
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. 4. Securities Acquired Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)		5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)			
			Code V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)			
Common Stock	01/18/2018		M	5,516	A	\$ 22.66	112,142 (1) (2)	D		
Common Stock	01/18/2018		F	4,613 ₍₃₎	D	\$ 32.19	107,529 (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. 5. Number Transaction Derivative Code Securities (Instr. 8) Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		Cransaction Derivative Expiration Date Code Securities (Month/Day/Year) Instr. 8) Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4,		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	\$ 22.66	01/18/2018		M	5,516	<u>(4)</u>	03/16/2019	Common Stock	5,516

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
Reporting Owner Name / Address	

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Goodwin Billy E 5400 LBJ FREEWAY SUITE 1500 DALLAS, TX 75240

EVP - Operations

Signatures

/s/ Billy E. Goodwin, by Kyle A. Ellis as attorney-in-fact

01/22/2018

**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 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 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 grant.
- Represents shares withheld by the Issuer in connection with the reporting person's net share settlement to satisfy the exercise price and the (3) tax liability upon the exercise of 5,516 employee stock options that were granted to the reporting person on March 17, 2014. No shares were sold by the reporting person to satisfy the exercise price or the tax liability.
- (4) The employee stock options vest in two equal biennial installments beginning on the second anniversary of the date of grant, March 17, 2016.

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