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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * <u>Hutson Robert R Jr</u> (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>C/O DIVERSIFIED ENERGY COMPANY</u> <u>1600 CORPORATE DRIVE</u> (Street) <u>BIRMINGHAM</u> <u>AL</u> <u>35242</u> (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>Diversified Energy Co [DEC]</u>	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) ☒ Director 10% Owner ☒ Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) <u>Chief Executive Officer</u>
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>09/30/2026</u>	
4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)		

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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			

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 Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				
Restricted Stock Units	(1)	09/30/2026	09/30/2026	A		2,223	(2)	(3)	(3)	Common Stock	2,223	\$0	115,268	D	
Restricted Stock Units	\$0(1)	09/30/2026	09/30/2026	A		1,349	(2)	(4)	(4)	Common Stock	1,349	\$0	69,990	D	

Explanation of Responses:

1. Restricted stock units ("RSUs") convert into shares of the Issuer's common stock on a one-for-one basis.

2. Represents additional RSUs that accrued as dividend equivalent rights in connection with the Issuer's dividend payment of \$0.29 per share.

3. These RSUs vest in three equal installments on each March 19, 2027, 2028 and 2029.

4. These RSUs vest on January 1, 2028, subject to the Reporting Person's continued employment.

Remarks:

/s/ Benjamin Sullivan, Attorney-in-Fact 10/01/2026

** Signature of Reporting Person Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

* 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).

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