

BERRY PETROLEUM 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 \*  
**OLSON KENNETH A**

(Last) (First) (Middle)

**C/O BERRY PETROLEUM COMPANY, 1999 BROADWAY, SUITE 3700**

(Street)

**DENVER, CO 80202**

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
**BERRY PETROLEUM CO [BRY]**

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
**12/15/2010**

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)  
Former Corporate Secretary

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**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)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
				Code	V	Amount	
Class A Common Stock	12/15/2010		M	350 <sup>(9)</sup>	A	\$ 42.895	2,362 D
Class A Common Stock	12/15/2010		J	6 <sup>(11)</sup>	D	\$ 0	3,429 I
Class A Common Stock	12/17/2010		S	109 <sup>(12)</sup>	D	\$ 43.081	2,253 D

Held in the Company's 401(k) Plan

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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title
Nonstatutory Stock Option 11-23-04	\$ 21.58					11/23/2005 11/23/2014	Class A Common Stock 6,
Nonstatutory Stock Option 12-15-06	\$ 32.565					12/15/2007 12/14/2016	Class A Common Stock 2,
2007 Restricted Stock Unit <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 0 <sup>(2)</sup>					12/14/2008 <sup>(3)</sup> 12/13/2017 <sup>(4)</sup>	Class A Common Stock 5
NSO 2007	\$ 43.61					12/14/2008 12/13/2017	Class A Common Stock 1,
2008 Restricted Stock Units <sup>(5)</sup>	\$ 0 <sup>(6)</sup>					12/12/2009 <sup>(7)</sup> 12/11/2018 <sup>(8)</sup>	Class A Common Stock 3,
2009 Restricted Stock Units	\$ 0					12/11/2010 12/11/2019	Class A Common Stock 1,
2006 Restricted Stock Units	\$ 0	12/15/2010		M	350 <sup>(10)</sup>	12/15/2007 12/14/2016	Class A Common Stock 3

# Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
OLSON KENNETH A C/O BERRY PETROLEUM COMPANY 1999 BROADWAY, SUITE 3700 DENVER, CO 80202				Former Corporate Secretary

## Signatures

Kenneth A  
 Olson

12/17/2010

\*\*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) 1 for 1
- (2) Each RSU represents a contingent right to receive one share of Berry Petroleum Company Class A Common Stock
- (3) The RSU granted vest 25% per year beginning one year after grant but the receipt of shares are subject to a deferral period which is generally at least four years from grant date as per the deferral election.
- (4) The RSU is subject to a deferral election. Shares of Class A Common Stock will be delivered to the reporting person as per the terms of the deferral election.
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- (7) The RSU granted vest 25% per year beginning one year after grant but the receipt of shares are subject to a deferral period which is generally at least four years from grant date as per the deferral election.
- (8) The RSU is subject to a deferral election. Shares of Class A Common Stock will be delivered to the reporting person as per the terms of the deferral election.
- (9) Vested shares issued pursuant to Rule 16b-3 plan.
- (10) Vesting of 25% of RSUs granted 12-15-2006 under a Rule 16b-3 Plan
- (11) Changes in the number of shares of Common Stock held in the individuals 401(k) account due to required maintenance of cash position. All transactions were at market and non-discretionary.
- (12) Shares sold to cover taxes on RSU vesting under Rule 16b-3 Plan.

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