

BUSCH RALPH B III  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
BUSCH RALPH B III

(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)  
03/02/2012

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)

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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D) Code V Amount (D) Price			
Class A Common Stock					129,452	D	
Class A Common Stock					70,000	I	As Co-Trustee of Charitable Trust
Class A Common Stock					123,500	I	As Co-Trustee of Union Bank Trust

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			Shares
Class A Common Stock	7,250	I	Busch Family Foundation
Class A Common Stock	14,526	I	As Custodian for Minor Children

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 An Underlying Sec (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title
Nonstatutory Stock Options 12-2-02	\$ 8.07					12/02/2002	12/02/2012	Class A Common Stock
Nonstatutory Stock Options 12-2-03	\$ 9.61					12/02/2003	12/02/2013	Class A Common Stock
Nonstatutory Stock Options 12-2-04	\$ 21.77					12/02/2004	12/02/2014	Class A Common Stock
Nonstatutory Stock Option 12-15-05	\$ 30.645					12/15/2005	12/15/2015	Class A Common Stock
Phantom Stock Units	\$ 0 <sup>(1)</sup>					08/08/1988 <sup>(2)</sup>	08/08/1988 <sup>(2)</sup>	Class A Common

								Stock
<u>(1)</u>								Class A Common Stock
Nonstatutory Stock Option 12-15-06	\$ 32.565					12/15/2006	12/14/2016	Class A Common Stock
2007 Restricted Stock Unit <u>(1)</u>	\$ 0					01/01/2008 <sup>(3)</sup>	12/13/2017 <sup>(4)</sup>	Class A Common Stock
NSO 2007	\$ 43.61					12/14/2007	12/13/2017	Class A Common Stock
March 2011 Director RSU <u>(1)</u>	\$ 0 <sup>(5)</sup>					03/02/2011 <sup>(4)</sup>	03/02/2021	Class A Common Stock
March 2 2012 Director RSU Grant <u>(1)</u>	\$ 0 <sup>(5)</sup>	03/02/2012		A	2,264 <sup>(6)</sup>	03/02/2012 <sup>(6)</sup>	03/02/2022	Class A Common Stock

## Reporting Owners

### Reporting Owner Name / Address

### Relationships

Director    10% Owner    Officer    Other

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## Signatures

Kenneth A Olson under POA for Ralph Busch

03/02/2012

    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).

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(2) Phantom Stock Units acquired under the Company's Non-Employee Director Deferred Compensation Plan in a transaction exempt under Rule 16b-3(c). Shares of Common Stock are issued under terms of the Plan upon resignation from the board of directors.

(3) The RSU granted is 100% vested at the date of grant but the receipt of shares are subject to a deferral period which is generally at least four years from the 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.

(5) Each RSU represents a contingent right to receive one share of Berry Petroleum Company Class A Common Stock

(6) Grant of Restricted Stock Unit (RSU) under the Company's 2005 Equity Incentive Plan in a transaction exempt under Rule 16b-3(c). RSUs are 100% vested one year from date of grant but are subject to an individual deferral election on behalf of the Director.

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