

Ciotti George W
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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 *
Ciotti George W

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
1999 BROADWAY, SUITE 3700

(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
12/11/2011

____ Director
____ Officer (give title below)
____ 10% Owner
____ Other (specify below)
VP of Corp Development

DENVER, CO 80202

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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(City) (State) (Zip)

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			
Class A Common Stock					2,403	I	Held in 401(k) account
Class A Common Stock	12/11/2011	12/12/2011	M	<u>1,866</u> ⁽¹⁾ A \$ 40.09	7,127	D	
Class A Common Stock	12/12/2011		M	<u>1,625</u> ⁽¹⁾ A \$ 39.3	8,752	D	
Class A Common	12/13/2011		S	500 <u>(2)</u> D \$ 40.0146	8,252	D	

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Stock

Class A

Common 12/13/2011 S 586 ⁽²⁾ D \$ 39.22 7,666 D

Stock

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 Amount or Number of Shares
Perf Based RSUs 3-16-10	\$ 0					12/31/2012 12/31/2012	Class A Common Stock 5,6
March 2011 Employee RSU Grant	\$ 0					03/02/2012 03/02/2021	Class A Common Stock 4,0
Non-Statutory Stock Option 3-3-2011 - \$48.50	\$ 48.5					03/02/2012 03/02/2021	Class A Common Stock 4,6
Perf Based RSU 3-2-2011	\$ 0					12/31/2013 03/02/2021	Class A Common Stock 3,5
2009 Restricted Stock Units	\$ 0	12/11/2011	12/12/2011	M	1,866 ⁽¹⁾	12/11/2010 12/11/2019	Class A Common Stock 5,5
2008 Restricted Stock Units	\$ 0	12/12/2011		M	1,625 ⁽¹⁾	12/11/2009 12/11/2018	Class A Common Stock 3,2

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Ciotti George W 1999 BROADWAY, SUITE 3700 DENVER, CO 80202			VP of Corp Development	

Signatures

Kenneth A. Olson Under POA for George W. Ciotti	12/13/2011
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__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) Vested shares issued pursuant to Rule 16b-3 plan.
- (2) Shares sold to cover tax liability on RSU shares vested.

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