Keller John Frank Form 4 December 30, 2011

#### UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \* Keller John Frank

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

BERRY PETROLEUM CO [BRY]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

below)

(Last)

(Middle) (First)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year) Director

10% Owner Other (specify

(Check all applicable)

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

(State)

(Street)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

12/30/2011

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**DENVER, CO 80202** 

(City)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if (Instr. 3)

(Zip)

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially (D) or Owned **Following** (Instr. 4)

Officer (give title

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect Beneficial Indirect (I) Ownership (Instr. 4)

Reported (A) Transaction(s)

(Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price

Class A

Common Stock

1,200

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

(Month/Day/Year)

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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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. Transacti Code (Instr. 8)		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amor Underlying Secur (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Am or Nu of S
Nonstatutory Stock Option 38.0025	\$ 38.0025					02/02/2006	02/01/2016	Class A Common Stock	10
Nonstatutory Stock Option 12-15-06	\$ 32.565					12/15/2006	12/14/2016	Class A Common Stock	10
2007 Restricted Stock Unit (1)	\$ 0					01/01/2008(2)	12/13/2017(3)	Class A Common Stock	1,
NSO 2007	\$ 43.61					12/14/2007	12/13/2017	Class A Common Stock	3,
March 2011 Director RSU	\$ 0					03/02/2011	03/02/2021	Class A Common Stock	2,
Phantom Stock Units	\$ 0	12/30/2011		A	519 (4)	08/08/1988	08/08/1988	Class A Common Stock	23

# **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address		•				
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
Keller John Frank						
C/O DEDDY DETDOLEUM COMPANY						

C/O BERRY PETROLEUM COMPANY 1999 BROADWAY, SUITE 3700 DENVER, CO 80202

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person

## **Signatures**

Kenneth A Olson under POA for John	
Keller	12/30/201

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Date

Relationships

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## **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) 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.
- (3) 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.
- (4) 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.

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