

BUSCH RALPH B III
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FORM 4

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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 *
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)
12/13/2012

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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D) Code V Amount (D) Price			
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 Shares
Class A Common					6,500	I	Busch Family

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Stock									Foundation
Class A Common Stock						26,824	I		As Custodian for Minor Children
Class A Common Stock	12/13/2012		G	<u>83,997</u> (5)	A	\$ 0	218,626	D	

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 Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	Amount or Number of Shares	
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	
Nonstatutory Stock Options 12-2-03	\$ 9.61					12/02/2003	12/02/2013	Class A Common Stock	10,000
Nonstatutory Stock Options 12-2-04	\$ 21.77					12/02/2004	12/02/2014	Class A Common Stock	10,000
Nonstatutory Stock Option 12-15-05	\$ 30.645					12/15/2005	12/15/2015	Class A Common Stock	10,000
Phantom Stock Units (1)	\$ 0 (1)					08/08/1988(2)	08/08/1988(2)	Class A Common Stock	46,400
Nonstatutory Stock Option	\$ 32.565					12/15/2006	12/14/2016	Class A Common	10,000

				Stock	
12-15-06				Class A	
2007				Common	1,0
Restricted Stock Unit ⁽¹⁾	\$ 0 ⁽³⁾	01/01/2008 ⁽⁴⁾	12/13/2017	Stock	
NSO 2007	\$ 43.61	12/14/2007	12/13/2017	Class A	3,9
				Common	
				Stock	
March 2011				Class A	
Director RSU ⁽¹⁾	\$ 0 ⁽³⁾	03/02/2011 ⁽⁴⁾	03/02/2021	Common	2,4
				Stock	
March 2012				Class A	
Director RSU Grant	\$ 0	03/02/2012	03/02/2022	Common	2,2
				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 12/13/2012

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

(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) Gifted Shares Received

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