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## FORM 4

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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|                              | dress of Reporting F   | Person <sup>*</sup> | 2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol<br>BERRY PETROLEUM CO [BRY] | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer<br>(Check all applicable)  |  |  |  |  |  |
|------------------------------|--|---------------------|--|---|--|--|--|--|--|
| (Last)<br>C/O BERRY          | <u>I MICHAEL</u><br>(First)<br>PETROLEUM C<br>DWAY, SUITE 37 |                     | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)<br>01/10/2013                 | Director 10% Owner   X Officer (give title other (specify below)   Exec. VP & COO   |  |  |  |  |  |
| (Street)<br>DENVER<br>(City) | CO<br>(State)  | 80202<br>(Zip)      | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)                       | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable<br>Line)<br>X Form filed by One Reporting Person<br>Form filed by More than One Reporting<br>Person |  |  |  |  |  |
|                              |  |                     | )<br>Derivative Securities Acquired Disposed of an Renz                        |   |  |  |  |  |  |

# Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction<br>Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed<br>Execution Date,<br>if any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3.<br>Transa<br>Code (<br>8) |   |        |               |         | 5. Amount of<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned Following | 6. Ownership<br>Form: Direct<br>(D) or Indirect<br>(I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of<br>Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership |
|---------------------------------|--|---|------------------------------|---|--------|---------------|---------|---|---|---|
|                                 |  |   | Code                         | v | Amount | (A) or<br>(D) | Price   | Reported<br>Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 3 and 4)                |   | (Instr. 4)  |
| Class A Common Stock            |  |   |                              |   |        |               |         | 16,235  | Ι   | Held in<br>401(k)<br>Plan                           |
| Class A Common Stock            | 01/10/2013                                 |   | S                            |   | 321    | D             | \$35.45 | 35,487  | D   |   |
| Class A Common Stock            | 01/10/2013                                 |   | S                            |   | 200    | D             | \$35.5  | 35,287  | D   |   |
| Class A Common Stock            | 01/10/2013                                 |   | S                            |   | 100    | D             | \$35.53 | 35,187  | D   |   |
| Class A Common Stock            | 01/10/2013                                 |   | S                            |   | 100    | D             | \$35.54 | 35,087  | D   |   |

|   | Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned     (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities) |  |   |                              |   |     |     |  |                           |  |  |   |        |   |                                  |  |  |
|---|--|--|---|------------------------------|---|-----|-----|--|---------------------------|--|--|---|--------|---|----------------------------------|--|--|
| 1. Title of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2.<br>Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security  | 3. Transaction<br>Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution Date,<br>if any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 4.<br>Transa<br>Code (<br>8) |   |     |     | of Expira<br>Derivative (Month<br>Securities<br>Acquired<br>(A) or<br>Disposed<br>of (D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4 |                           | 6. Date Exercisable and<br>Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) |  | 7. Title and Amount<br>of Securities<br>Underlying<br>Derivative Security<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) |        | 8. Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 5) | tive derivative<br>ty Securities | 10.<br>Ownership<br>Form:<br>Direct (D)<br>or Indirect<br>(I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature<br>of Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |
|   |  |  |   | Code                         | v | (A) | (D) | Date<br>Exercisable  | Expiration<br>Date        | Title  | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of<br>Shares |   |        |   |                                  |  |  |
| Nonstatutory<br>Stock<br>Option 12-<br>05-03        | \$9.97   |  |   |                              |   |     |     | 12/05/2004   | 12/05/2013                | Class A<br>Common<br>Stock                                     | 20,000                                 |   | 20,000 | D   |                                  |  |  |
| Nonstatutory<br>Stock<br>Option 11-<br>23-04        | \$21.58  |  |   |                              |   |     |     | 11/23/2005   | 11/23/2014                | Class A<br>Common<br>Stock                                     | 70,000                                 |   | 70,000 | D   |                                  |  |  |
| Nonstatutory<br>Stock<br>Option 12-<br>15-05        | \$30.645   |  |   |                              |   |     |     | 12/15/2006   | 12/15/2015                | Class A<br>Common<br>Stock                                     | 50,000                                 |   | 50,000 | D   |                                  |  |  |
| Nonstatutory<br>Stock<br>Option 12-<br>15-06        | \$32.565   |  |   |                              |   |     |     | 12/15/2007   | 12/14/2016                | Class A<br>Common<br>Stock                                     | 56,000                                 |   | 56,000 | D   |                                  |  |  |
| 2007<br>Restricted<br>Stock Unit <sup>(1)</sup>     | \$0 <sup>(2)</sup>   |  |   |                              |   |     |     | 12/14/2008 <sup>(3)</sup>  | 12/13/2017 <sup>(4)</sup> | Class A<br>Common<br>Stock                                     | 7,224                                  |   | 7,224  | D   |                                  |  |  |
| NSO 2007  | \$43.61  |  |   |                              |   |     |     | 12/14/2008   | 12/13/2017                | Class A<br>Common<br>Stock                                     | 36,133                                 |   | 36,133 | D   |                                  |  |  |
| 2008<br>Restricted<br>Stock<br>Units <sup>(1)</sup> | \$0 <sup>(2)</sup>   |  |   |                              |   |     |     | 12/12/2009 <sup>(3)</sup>  | 12/11/2018 <sup>(4)</sup> | Class A<br>Common<br>Stock                                     | 56,000                                 |   | 56,000 | D   |                                  |  |  |
| 2009<br>Restricted<br>Stock Units                   | \$0  |  |   |                              |   |     |     | 12/11/2010   | 12/11/2019                | Class A<br>Common<br>Stock                                     | 42,919                                 |   | 42,919 | D   |                                  |  |  |

|  | Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned   (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities) |  |   |                              |   |      |     |  |                    |  |  |               |                       |   |  |  |  |
|--|--|--|---|------------------------------|---|------|-----|--|--------------------|--|--|---------------|-----------------------|---|--|--|--|
| 1. Title of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3)            | 2.<br>Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security  | 3. Transaction<br>Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution Date,<br>if any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 4.<br>Transa<br>Code (<br>8) |   | n of |     | of Expir<br>Derivative<br>Securities<br>Acquired<br>(A) or<br>Disposed<br>of (D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4 |                    | 6. Date Exercisable and<br>Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) |  | of Securities |                       | 8. Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 5) | 9. Number of<br>derivative<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 4) | 10.<br>Ownership<br>Form:<br>Direct (D)<br>or Indirect<br>(I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature<br>of Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |
|  |  |  |   | Code                         | v | (A)  | (D) | Date<br>Exercisable  | Expiration<br>Date | Title  | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of<br>Shares |               |                       |   |  |  |  |
| Perf Based<br>RSUs 3-16-<br>10 <sup>(1)</sup>                  | \$0 <sup>(5)</sup>   |  |   |                              |   |      |     | 12/31/2012 <sup>(5)</sup>  | 12/31/2012         | Class A<br>Common<br>Stock                                     | 18,776                                 |               | 18,776 <sup>(6)</sup> | D   |  |  |  |
| March 2011<br>Employee<br>RSU Grant                            | \$0  |  |   |                              |   |      |     | 03/02/2012   | 03/02/2021         | Class A<br>Common<br>Stock                                     | 12,887                                 |               | 12,887                | D   |  |  |  |
| Non-<br>Statutory<br>Stock<br>Option 3-2-<br>2011 -<br>\$48.50 | <b>\$</b> 48.5   |  |   |                              |   |      |     | 03/02/2012   | 03/02/2021         | Class A<br>Common<br>Stock                                     | 14,790                                 |               | 14,790                | D   |  |  |  |
| Perf Based<br>RSU 3-2-<br>2011                                 | \$0  |  |   |                              |   |      |     | 12/31/2013   | 03/02/2021         | Class A<br>Common<br>Stock                                     | 11,275                                 |               | 11,275                | D   |  |  |  |
| March 2,<br>2012<br>Employee<br>RSU Grant                      | \$0  |  |   |                              |   |      |     | 03/02/2013   | 03/02/2022         | Class A<br>Common<br>Stock                                     | 11,789                                 |               | 11,789                | D   |  |  |  |
| Non<br>Statutory<br>Stock<br>Option 3-2-<br>12                 | \$53.02  |  |   |                              |   |      |     | 03/02/2013   | 03/02/2022         | Class A<br>Common<br>Stock                                     | 13,914                                 |               | 13,914                | D   |  |  |  |
| Perf Based<br>RSUs 3-2-12                                      | \$0  |  |   |                              |   |      |     | 12/31/2014   | 03/02/2022         | Class A<br>Common<br>Stock                                     | 10,314                                 |               | 10,314                | D   |  |  |  |

Explanation of Responses:

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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.

5. Each RSU represents a contingent right to receive one share of Berry Petroleum Company Class A Common Stock if certain pre-established performance factors, as set forth in the Company's Form 8-K dated March 18, 2010, are met.

6. Per the Agreement this is the maximum number of performance based RSUs that may be received if all performance factors are achieved as outlined in the Form 8-K dated March 18, 2010.

#### Remarks:

All shares sold were to cover the tax obligation from the previous days restricted stock unit share issuance.

### Kenneth A Olson under POA for Michael Duginski

01/11/2013

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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

\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4 (b)(v).

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