

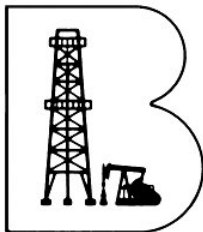
**UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

**CURRENT REPORT
Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d)
of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

Date of Report (date of earliest event reported): **April 13, 2012**



BERRY PETROLEUM COMPANY

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

(State or Other Jurisdiction of
Incorporation or Organization)

1-9735

(Commission File Number)

77-0079387

(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

1999 Broadway, Suite 3700, Denver, Colorado 80202

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(303) 999-4400**

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

ITEM 1.01 ENTRY INTO A MATERIAL DEFINITIVE AGREEMENT

Effective April 13, 2012, Berry Petroleum Company ("Company") entered into a Fourth Amendment (the "Fourth Amendment") to its Second Amended and Restated Credit Agreement dated November 15, 2010 by and among the Company and Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. and other lenders (the "Credit Agreement").

The borrowing base in the Credit Agreement was increased to \$1,400 million. The Fourth Amendment, among other things, amended the oil hedging contracts covenant. In addition, the Fourth Amendment contains usual and customary conditions, representations and warranties. The foregoing description of the Fourth Amendment is not complete and is subject to and qualified in its entirety by reference to the Fourth Amendment, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit 4.1 and the terms of which are incorporated herein by reference.

ITEM 2.03. CREATION OF A DIRECT FINANCIAL OBLIGATION OR AN OBLIGATION UNDER AN OFF-BALANCE SHEET ARRANGEMENT OF A REGISTRANT.

The information set forth in Item 1.01 is incorporated herein by reference.

ITEM 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

EXHIBIT NUMBER	DESCRIPTION
4.1	— Fourth Amendment to the Second Amended and Restated Credit Agreement dated April 13, 2011 by and among the Company and Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. and other lenders

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereto duly authorized.

BERRY PETROLEUM COMPANY

By: /s/ Davis O. O'Connor
Davis O. O'Connor
Corporate Secretary

Date: April 17, 2012

FOURTH AMENDMENT TO SECOND AMENDED AND RESTATED
CREDIT AGREEMENT

THIS FOURTH AMENDMENT TO SECOND AMENDED AND RESTATED CREDIT AGREEMENT (this "Amendment") is made as of April 13, 2012 by and among BERRY PETROLEUM COMPANY, a Delaware corporation ("Borrower"), WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., individually and as administrative agent ("Administrative Agent"), and the Lenders party to the Original Credit Agreement defined below ("Lenders").

W I T N E S S E T H:

WHEREAS, Borrower, Administrative Agent and Lenders entered into that certain Second Amended and Restated Credit Agreement dated as of November 15, 2010 (as amended, supplemented, or restated to the date hereof, the "Original Credit Agreement"), for the purpose and consideration therein expressed, whereby Lenders became obligated to make loans and other extensions of credit to Borrower as therein provided; and

WHEREAS, Borrower, Administrative Agent and Lenders desire to amend the Original Credit Agreement upon the terms and conditions as set forth herein;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the premises and the mutual covenants and agreements contained herein and in the Original Credit Agreement, in consideration of the loans and other extensions of credit that may hereafter be made by Lenders to Borrower, and for other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the parties hereto do hereby agree as follows:

ARTICLE I.

DEFINITIONS AND REFERENCES

§ 1.1. Terms Defined in the Original Credit Agreement. Unless the context otherwise requires or unless otherwise expressly defined herein, the terms defined in the Original Credit Agreement shall have the same meanings whenever used in this Amendment.

§ 1.2. Other Defined Terms. Unless the context otherwise requires, the following terms when used in this Amendment shall have the meanings assigned to them in this Section 1.2.

"Amendment" means this Fourth Amendment to Second Amended and Restated Credit Agreement.

"Credit Agreement" means the Original Credit Agreement as amended hereby.

"Original Omnibus Certificate" means the Omnibus Certificate dated November 15,

2010 executed and delivered by officers of Borrower pursuant to the Original Credit Agreement.

ARTICLE II.

AGREEMENTS

§ 2.1. Hedging Contracts. Subsection (a) of Section 7.3 of the Original Credit Agreement is hereby amended to replace clause (ii) thereof in its entirety to read as follows:

(ii) the aggregate monthly production covered by all such contracts (determined, in the case of contracts that are not settled on a monthly basis, by a monthly proration reasonably acceptable to Administrative Agent) for any single month does not in the aggregate exceed 90% of Restricted Persons' aggregate Projected Oil Production (or, if in excess of such 90% for the eighteen (18) month period immediately following the date on which any such contract is entered into by a Restricted Person, does not in the aggregate exceed the greater of (x) 100% of Restricted Persons' aggregate Projected Oil Production for such eighteen (18) month period and (y) 75% of Restricted Persons' aggregate Projected Oil Production determined with respect to Proved Reserves instead of Proved Developed Producing Reserves for such eighteen (18) month period) anticipated to be sold in the ordinary course of Restricted Persons' businesses for such month (provided that in no event shall the aggregate monthly production covered by such contracts in any calendar month exceed the actual production of oil for such month), and the aggregate monthly production covered by all such contracts referred to in Section 7.3(a)(i)(B) having a term of more than 60 months but not more than 84 months shall not in the aggregate exceed 60% of the Restricted Persons' aggregate Projected Oil Production from the Midway-Sunset Field anticipated to be sold in the ordinary course of such Persons' business for such month,

§ 2.2. Borrowing Base Redetermination. Pursuant to Section 2.9(a) of the Credit Agreement, Administrative Agent and Lenders hereby notify Borrower that from the date hereof until the next Determination Date the Borrowing Base shall be \$1,400,000,000, and by its execution hereof, Borrower accepts the foregoing Borrowing Base.

ARTICLE III.

CONDITIONS OF EFFECTIVENESS

§3.1 Effective Date. This Amendment shall become effective as of the date first above written when and only when:

(a) Amendment Documentation. Administrative Agent shall have received all of the following, at Administrative Agent's office, duly executed and delivered and in form and substance satisfactory to Administrative Agent, all of the following:

(i) this Amendment;

(ii) a certificate of the Secretary of Borrower dated the date of this Amendment certifying: (i) that resolutions attached thereto previously adopted by the Board of Directors of the Borrower authorize the execution, delivery and performance of this Amendment by Borrower; (ii) the names and true signatures of the officers of the Borrower authorized to execute and deliver Loan Documents; (iii) that the certificate of incorporation and bylaws of Borrower are in effect on the date hereof and no modifications have been made to them; and (iv) that all of the representations and warranties set forth in Article IV hereof are true and correct on and as of the date hereof, except to the extent that such representation or warranty was made as of a specific date or updated, modified or supplemented as of a subsequent date with the consent of Required Lenders and Administrative Agent, in which cases such representations and warranties shall have been true and correct in all material respects on and of such date; and

(iii) such other supporting documents as Administrative Agent may reasonably request.

(b) Existence & Good Standing Certificates. Administrative Agent shall have received an existence and good standing certificate from the applicable Governmental Authority of each Restricted Person's jurisdiction of incorporation, organization or formation, each dated a recent date prior to the effectiveness of this Amendment.

(c) No Default. No event shall have occurred and be continuing that would constitute an Event of Default or a Default.

(d) Fees & Expenses. Borrower shall have paid, in connection with such Loan Documents, all other fees and reimbursements to be paid to Administrative Agent pursuant to any Loan Documents, or otherwise due Administrative Agent and including fees and disbursements of Administrative Agent's attorneys.

ARTICLE IV.

REPRESENTATIONS AND WARRANTIES

§4.1 Representations and Warranties of Borrower. In order to induce each Lender to enter into this Amendment, Borrower represents and warrants to each Lender that:

(a) The representations and warranties contained in Article V of the Original Credit Agreement and the other Loan Documents are true and correct in all material respects on and as of the date hereof as if such representations and warranties have been made as of the date hereof, except to the extent that such representations or warranties were made as of a specific date or updated, modified or supplemented as of a subsequent date with the consent of Required Lenders and Administrative Agent, in which case such representations and warranties shall have been true

and correct in all material respects on and of such date.

(b) Borrower is duly authorized to execute and deliver this Amendment and is and will continue to be duly authorized to borrow monies and to perform its obligations under the Credit Agreement. Borrower has duly taken all corporate action necessary to authorize the execution and delivery of this Amendment and to authorize the performance of the obligations of Borrower hereunder.

(a) The execution and delivery by Borrower of this Amendment, the performance by Borrower of its obligations hereunder and the consummation of the transactions contemplated hereby do not and will not (a) conflict with (i) any Law, (ii) the Organizational Documents of Borrower, or (iii) any agreement, judgment, license, order or permit applicable to or binding upon Borrower in any material respect, (b) result in the acceleration of any Indebtedness owed by Borrower, or (c) result in the creation of any Lien upon any assets or properties of Borrower. Except for those which have been obtained, no consent, approval, authorization or order of, and no notice to or filing with, any Governmental Authority or third party is required in connection with the execution, delivery or performance by Borrower of this Amendment or to consummate any transactions contemplated hereby.

(b) When duly executed and delivered, each of this Amendment and the Credit Agreement will be a legal and binding obligation of Borrower, enforceable in accordance with its terms, except as limited by bankruptcy, insolvency or similar laws of general application relating to the enforcement of creditors' rights and by equitable principles of general application.

(c) The most recent financial statements of Borrower delivered to Lenders pursuant to Section 6.2(a) and (b) of the Credit Agreement fairly present Borrower's financial position as of the respective dates thereof. Copies of such financial statements have heretofore been delivered to each Lender. Since such date no Material Adverse Change has occurred in the financial condition or businesses or in the Consolidated financial condition or businesses of Borrower.

ARTICLE V.

MISCELLANEOUS

§5.1 Ratification of Agreements. The Original Credit Agreement as hereby amended is hereby ratified and confirmed in all respects. The Loan Documents, as they may be amended or affected by this Amendment, are hereby ratified and confirmed in all respects. Any reference to the Credit Agreement in any Loan Document shall be deemed to be a reference to the Original Credit Agreement as hereby amended. The execution, delivery and effectiveness of this Amendment shall not, except as expressly provided herein, operate as a waiver of any right, power or remedy of Lenders under the Credit Agreement, the Notes, or any other Loan Document nor constitute a waiver of any provision of the Credit Agreement, the Notes or any other Loan Document.

§5.2 Survival of Agreements. All representations, warranties, covenants and agreements

of Borrower herein shall survive the execution and delivery of this Amendment and the performance hereof, including without limitation the making or granting of the Loans, and shall further survive until all of the Obligations are paid in full. All statements and agreements contained in any certificate or instrument delivered by Borrower hereunder or under the Credit Agreement to any Lender shall be deemed to constitute representations and warranties by, and/or agreements and covenants of, Borrower under this Amendment and under the Credit Agreement.

§5.3 Loan Documents. This Amendment is a Loan Document, and all provisions in the Credit Agreement pertaining to Loan Documents apply hereto.

§5.4 Interpretive Provisions. Section 1.4 of the Credit Agreement is incorporated herein by reference herein as if fully set forth.

§5.5 Governing Law. This Amendment shall be governed by and construed in accordance with and governed by the laws of the State of California and the laws of the United States of America without regard to principles of conflicts of law.

§5.6 Counterparts; Fax. This Amendment may be separately executed in counterparts and by the different parties hereto in separate counterparts, each of which when so executed shall be deemed to constitute one and the same Amendment. This Amendment may be validly executed by facsimile or other electronic transmission.

THIS AMENDMENT AND THE OTHER LOAN DOCUMENTS REPRESENT THE FINAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE PARTIES AND MAY NOT BE CONTRADICTED BY EVIDENCE OF PRIOR, CONTEMPORANEOUS, OR SUBSEQUENT ORAL AGREEMENTS OF THE PARTIES. THERE ARE NO UNWRITTEN ORAL AGREEMENTS OF THE PARTIES.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this Amendment is executed as of the date first above written.

BERRY PETROLEUM COMPANY,
Borrower

By: _____
Shawn M. Canaday
Vice President of Finance, Treasurer and
Assistant Secretary

WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A.,
as Administrative Agent, LC Issuer, Swing Line Lender, and a Lender

By: _____
Oleg Kogan
Director

BNP PARIBAS, as a Lender

By: _____

Name:

Title:

By: _____

Name:

Title:

SOCIÉTÉ GÉNÉRALE, as a Lender

By: _____

Name:

Title:

JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, N.A., as a Lender

By: _____

Name:

Title:

THE ROYAL BANK OF SCOTLAND plc, as a Lender

By: _____

Name:

Title:

BANK OF MONTREAL, as a Lender

By: _____

Name:

Title:

UNION BANK, N.A., as a Lender

By: _____

Name:

Title:

U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, as a Lender

By: _____

Name:

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By: _____

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By: _____

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BANK OF SCOTLAND plc, as a Lender

By: _____

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NATIXIS, as a Lender

By: _____

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By: _____

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Title:

COMPASS BANK, as a Lender

By: _____

Name:

Title:

CITIBANK, N.A., as a Lender

By: _____

Name:

Title:

KEYBANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, as a Lender

By: _____

Name:

Title:

REGIONS BANK, as a Lender

By: _____

Name:

Title:

THE BANK OF NOVA SCOTIA, as a Lender

By: _____

Name:

Title:

ROYAL BANK OF CANADA, as a Lender

By: _____

Name:

Title:

BOKE, NA dba BANK OF OKLAHOMA (successor to Bank of Oklahoma, N.A.), as
a Lender

By: _____

Name:

Title: