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Subject Company: Berry Petroleum Company Commission File No. 001-09735 <sup>a</sup>different oil & natural gas company

# **Merger Overview**

LINN Energy LINNCO

NASDAQ:LINE • NASDAQ:LNCO

February 21, 2013

#### Forward-Looking Statements and Risk Factors

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# <sup>a</sup>different kind of oil & natural gas company

LINN Energy's mission is to **acquire**, **develop and maximize cash flow** from a growing portfolio of long-life oil and natural gas assets.



# **Transaction Overview**



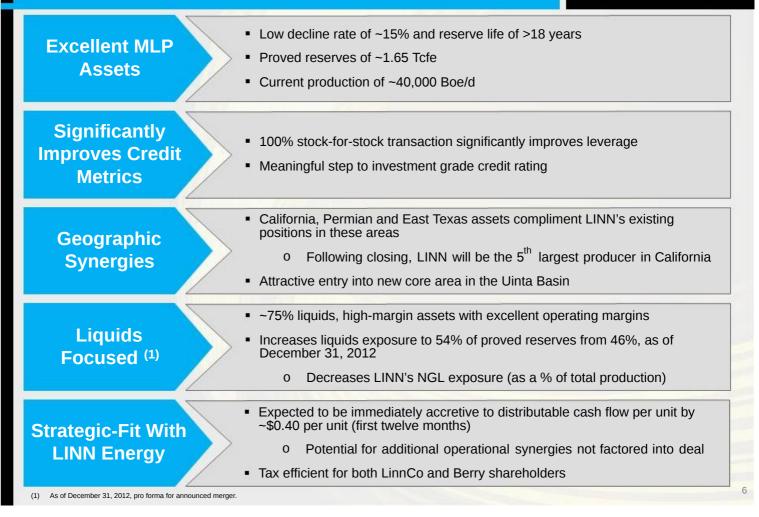
Consideration	LinnCo to acquire Berry for 1.25 common shares of LinnCo (equivalent to total consideration of \$46.24 per Berry shares based on LinnCo closing price on February 20, 2013)			
Premium	~20% to Berry's closing price on February 20, 2013			
Transaction Value ~\$4.3 billion (includes assumed debt)				
Key Conditions	Subject to shareholder / unitholder approval of Berry, LINN Energy, and LinnCo Customary regulatory approvals and conditions			
Timing	Closing expected by the end of Q2'13			

#### **Transaction Details**

- LinnCo, LLC (Nasdaq:LNCO) and LINN Energy, LLC (Nasdaq:LINE) announced the signing of a definitive merger agreement to acquire all of Berry Petroleum Company's (NYSE:BRY) shares outstanding
- Total enterprise value of approximately \$4.3 billion including \$1.7 billion of assumed debt
  - LinnCo has agreed to issue 1.25 common shares for each common share of Berry
  - Consideration to be received by Berry shareholders is valued at \$46.24 per Berry share based on LinnCo's closing price as of February 20, 2013
  - Represents a premium of approximately 20% to Berry's closing price on February 20, 2013 and approximately 23% to its one-month average price at that date
- Represents the first ever acquisition of a public C-Corp by an upstream LLC or MLP and the first acquisition by LinnCo since its October 2012 initial public offering
- Acquisition will increase LINN's estimated proved reserves and production by approximately 34% and 30%, respectively
- Expected to be immediately accretive to distributable cash flow per unit of approximately \$0.40 at LINN (first twelve months)
- Immediately after the merger, LinnCo will contribute Berry assets to LINN Energy in exchange for LINN Energy units
  - Will maintain one LinnCo share to one LINN Energy unit ratio
- Transaction expected to close end of the second quarter 2013

#### **Strategic Rationale**





## **MLP and Independent E&P Rankings**

#### LINN is one of the largest MLP and independent E&P companies

7<sup>th</sup> largest public MLP/LLC .

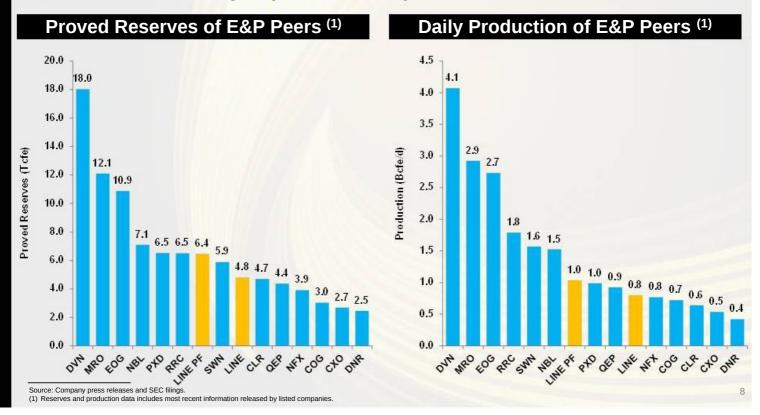
#### 11<sup>th</sup> largest domestic independent oil & natural gas company

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Rank	Master Limited Partnership	Enterprise Value (\$MM)	Rank	Independent E&P	Enterprise Value (\$MM)
1.	Enterprise Products Partners	\$60,375	1.	ConocoPhillips	\$89,597
2.	Kinder Morgan Energy Partners	\$46,756	2.	Occidental Petroleum Corp.	\$64,934
3.	Energy Transfer Equity	\$38,964	3.	Anadarko Petroleum Corp.	\$52,281
4.	Williams Partners	\$26,732	4.	Apache Corp.	\$41,773
5.	Plains All American Pipeline	\$24,767	5.	EOG Resources Inc.	\$39,943
6.	Energy Transfer Partners	\$22,574	6.	Chesapeake Energy Corp.	\$34,955
7.	LINN Energy LLC (Pro Forma)	\$18,943	7.	Marathon Oil Corporation	\$26,927
8.	ONEOK Partners	\$17,173	8.	Devon Energy Corporation	\$24,449
9.	Enbridge Energy Partners	\$14,874	9.	Noble Energy Inc.	\$22,575
10.	El Paso Pipeline Partners	\$13,363	10.	Pioneer Natural Resources Co.	\$19,920
11.	Magellan Midstream Partners	\$11,658	11.	LINN Energy LLC (Pro Forma)	\$18,943
12.	Markwest Energy Partners	\$9,470	12.	Continental Resources Inc.	\$17,937
13.	Boardwalk Pipeline Partners	\$8,848	13.	Range Resources Corp.	\$14,274
14.	Buckeye Partners	\$7,234	14.	Southwestern Energy Co.	\$13,163
15.	Sunoco Logistics Partners	\$6,851	15.	Cabot Oil & Gas Corp.	\$12,312
16.	Access Midstream Partners	\$6,667	16.	Concho Resources Inc.	\$11,890
17.	Western Gas Partners	\$6,569	17.	Murphy Oil Corp.	\$11,241
18.	Amerigas Partners	\$6,448	18.	EQT Corp.	\$11,066
19.	Cheniere Energy Partners	\$5,770	19.	Plains Exploration & Production	\$10,094
20.	Regency Energy Partners	\$5,655	20.	Denbury Resources Inc.	\$10,033
21.	Targa Resources Partners	\$5,404	21.	Cobalt International Energy	\$9,155
22.	Nustar Energy LP	\$5,228	22.	Sandridge Energy Inc.	\$8,803
23.	Teekay LNG Partners	\$5,159	23.	QEP Resources Inc.	\$8,595
24.	Copano Energy LLC	\$4,521	24.	Whiting Petroleum Corp.	\$7,298
25.	Genesis Energy LP	\$4,435	25.	Newfield Exploration Co.	\$6,546

Note: Market data as of February 20, 2013 (LINE and LNCO closing price of \$36.65 and \$36.99, respectively). Source: Bloomberg. (1) Pro forma for merger.

## LINN Energy – A Premier U.S. Independent E&P Company

- Increases LINN's size and scale among leading, independent E&P companies
- Now one of the largest producers of hydrocarbons in the United States



### **Overview of Berry Petroleum** High Quality Oil Portfolio

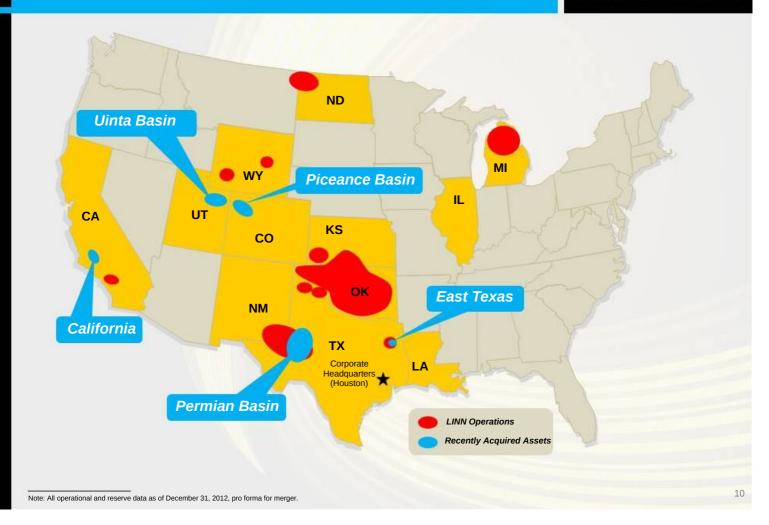
#### **Proved Reserves (MMBoe) Berry Asset Map** ~75% Liquids NGLs\_ 7% Uinta Basin Piceance Basin Natural Gas 26% 0il 67% CA UT Corporate СО leadquarters (Denver) Permian East Texas Q4'12 Production (MBoe/d) California ΤХ ~40 Mboe/d **Berry Operations** Oil East TX and Natural Gas Piceance 5.0 Uinta 7.5 California 19.1 Permian 8.0 9 Source: Berry Petroleum's Q4'12 press release

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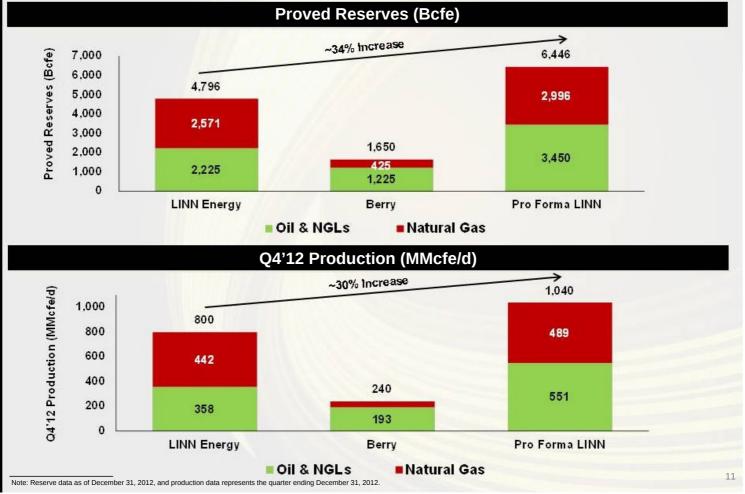
# **LINN Energy Operational Overview**

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### Meaningful Increase to Reserves and Production

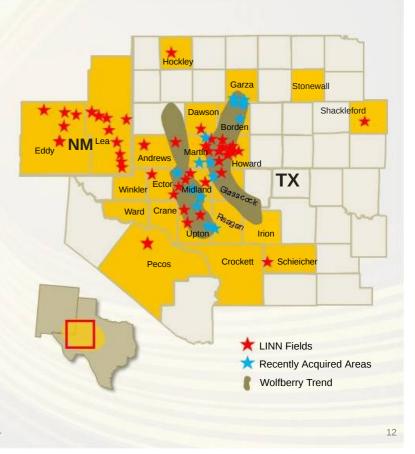
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### **Permian Basin Operational Synergies**

- Significant operational and field synergies
- Almost doubles LINN's Wolfberry inventory
  - ~725 proved drilling locations (pro forma for transaction <sup>(1)</sup>)
- Overview of Berry's Permian assets <sup>(2)</sup>
  - Total of ~61,000 net acres in the Permian
    - 0 75% NRI
  - Wolfberry drilling inventory of ~325 proved locations on 40's and over 600 potential locations on 20's
  - Upside potential from de-risking deeper formations and 20-acre downspacing

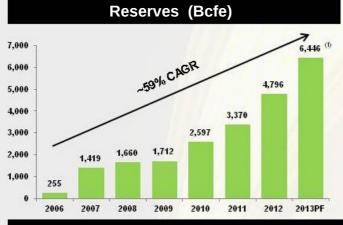
Includes LINE and BRY's Wolfberry drilling inventory of approximately 400 and 325, respectively.
 Source: Berry Petroleum Company's "February 2013 Company Update".



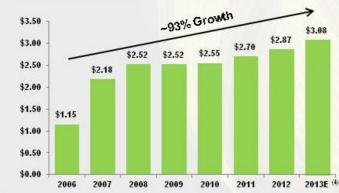
#### **Permian Asset Map**

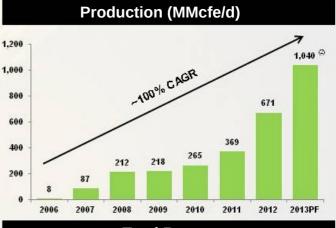
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#### **History of Strong Performance** and Growth



#### Annual Distributions (\$ per unit) (3)





**Total Return** 



 Note:
 Data reflects continuing operations only. The results of the Company's Appalachian Basin and Mid Atlantic operations are classified as discontinued.

 (1)
 As of December 31, 2012, pro forma ("PF") for announced 2013 merger.

 (2)
 Pro forma estimate based on Q412 average daily production for LINN Energy and Berry Petroleum.

 (3)
 Historical LINE distributions based on date payable for years 2006 - 2012.

 (4)
 Based on LINE's estimated Q313 distribution of \$0.77 per unit on an annualized basis (subject to Board approval).

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The U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") permits oil and gas companies, in their filings with the SEC, to disclose only resources that qualify as "reserves" as defined by SEC rules. We use terms describing hydrocarbon quantities in this presentation including "inventory" and "resource potential" that the SEC's guidelines prohibit us from including in filings with the SEC. These estimates are by their nature more speculative than estimates of reserves prepared in accordance with SEC definitions and guidelines and accordingly are substantially less certain. Investors are urged to consider closely the reserves disclosures in LINN Energy's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2011, available from LINN Energy at 600 Travis, Suite 5100, Houston, Texas 77002 (Attn: Investor Relations). You can also obtain this report from the SEC by calling 1-800-SEC-0330 or from the SEC's website at www.sec.gov.

In this communication, the terms other than "proved reserves" refer to the Company's internal estimates of hydrocarbon volumes that may be potentially discovered through exploratory drilling or recovered with additional drilling or recovery techniques. Those estimates may be based on economic assumptions with regard to commodity prices that may differ from the prices required by the SEC to be used in calculating proved reserves. In addition, these hydrocarbon volumes may not constitute reserves within the meaning of the Society of Petroleum Engineer's Petroleum Resource Management System or the SEC's oil and gas disclosure rules. Unless otherwise stated, hydrocarbon volume estimates have not been risked by Company management. Factors affecting ultimate recovery include the scope of our ongoing drilling program, which will be directly affected by the availability of capital, drilling and production costs, commodity prices, availability of drilling services and equipment, drilling results, lease expirations, transportation constraints, regulatory approvals and other factors, and actual drilling results, including geological and mechanical factors affecting recovery rates. Accordingly, actual quantities that may be ultimately recovered from the Company's interests may differ substantially from the Company's estimates of potential resources. In addition, our estimates of reserves may change significantly as development of the Company's resource plays and prospects provide additional data.

#### Additional Information about the Proposed Transactions and Where to Find It

In connection with the proposed transactions, LinnCo intends to file with the SEC a registration statement on Form S-4 that will include a joint proxy statement of LinnCo, LINN and Berry that also constitutes a prospectus of LinnCo. Each of Berry, LINN and LinnCo also plan to file other relevant documents with the SEC regarding the proposed transactions. INVESTORS ARE URGED TO READ THE JOINT PROXY STATEMENT/PROSPECTUS AND OTHER RELEVANT DOCUMENTS FILED WITH THE SEC IF AND WHEN THEY BECOME AVAILABLE BECAUSE THEY WILL CONTAIN IMPORTANT INFORMATION. You may obtain a free copy of the joint proxy statement/prospectus (if and when it becomes available) and other relevant documents filed by Berry, LINN and LinnCo with the SEC at the SEC's website at www.sec.gov. You may also obtain these documents by contacting LINN's and LinnCo's Investor Relations department at (281) 840-4193 or via e-mail at ir@linnenergy.com or by contracting Berry's Investor Relations department at (866) 472-8279 or via email at ir@bry.com.

#### Participants in the Solicitation

Berry, LINN and LinnCo and their respective directors and executive officers and other members of management and employees may be deemed to be participants in the solicitation of proxies in respect of the proposed transactions. Information about LINN's directors and executive officers is available in LINN's proxy statement dated March 12, 2012, for its 2012 Annual Meeting of Unitholders. Information about LinnCo's directors and executive officers is available in LinnCo's Registration Statement on Form S-1 dated June 25, 2012, as amended, with respect to its initial public offering of common shares. Information about Berry's directors and executive officers is available in Berry's proxy statement dated April 6, 2012, for its 2012 Annual Meeting of Stockholders. Other information regarding the participants in the proxy solicitations and a description of their direct and indirect interests, by security holdings or otherwise, will be contained in the joint proxy statement/prospectus carefully when it becomes available before making any voting or investment decisions. You may obtain free copies of these documents from Berry, LINN or LinnCo using the sources indicated above.

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