

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>Ciotti George W</u>			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>BERRY PETROLEUM CO [BRY]</u>			5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) <u>VP of Corp Development</u>		
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>03/16/2010</u>			6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		
<u>1999 BROADWAY, SUITE 3700</u>			4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)					
(Street)	<u>DENVER</u>	<u>CO</u>	<u>80202</u>	(City)				

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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
<u>Class A Common Stock</u>								<u>1,143</u>	<u>D</u>	
<u>Class A Common Stock</u>	<u>03/16/2010</u>		<u>J</u>		<u>232⁽⁷⁾</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>800</u>	<u>I</u>	<u>Held in 401(k) account</u>

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 of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date					
<u>2008 Restricted Stock Units⁽¹⁾</u>	<u>\$0</u>							<u>12/11/2009⁽²⁾</u>	<u>12/11/2018</u>	<u>Class A Common Stock</u>	<u>4,875</u>	<u>4,875</u>	<u>D</u>	
<u>12-3-2007 RSU⁽³⁾</u>	<u>\$0</u>							<u>12/03/2010⁽⁴⁾</u>	<u>12/03/2017</u>	<u>Class A Common Stock</u>	<u>2,429</u>	<u>2,429</u>	<u>D</u>	
<u>2009 Restricted Stock Units⁽⁵⁾</u>	<u>\$0</u>							<u>12/11/2010⁽⁶⁾</u>	<u>12/11/2019</u>	<u>Class A Common Stock</u>	<u>7,465</u>	<u>7,465</u>	<u>D</u>	
<u>Perf Based RSUs 3-16-10⁽⁸⁾</u>	<u>\$0⁽⁹⁾</u>	<u>03/16/2010</u>		<u>A</u>		<u>5,633⁽¹⁰⁾</u>		<u>12/31/2012⁽¹¹⁾</u>	<u>12/31/2012</u>	<u>Class A Common Stock</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>5,633</u>	<u>D</u>	

Explanation of Responses:

- 1 for 1
- Restricted Stock Units vest 25% per year from date of grant.
- 1 for 1
- Restricted Stock Units vest 100% three years from date of grant. Shares of Class A Common Stock will be delivered to the reporting person at the time of vesting.
- 1 for 1
- Restricted Stock Units vest 25% per year from date of grant.
- Shares of Common Stock acquired by the reporting person in the Company's 401(k) Plan. All transactions were at market and were non-discretionary.
- 1 for 1
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.

Kenneth A. Olson Under POA 03/18/2010
for George W. Ciotti

** 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).

** 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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