

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* DUGINSKI MICHAEL _____ (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) 01/09/2012 _____ 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)			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) Exec. VP & COO		
			6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person					

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			
Class A Common Stock								13,412	I	Held in 401(k) Plan
Class A Common Stock	01/09/2012		M		2,407 ⁽⁷⁾	A	\$44.395	24,175	D	
Class A Common Stock	01/10/2012		S		612 ⁽⁹⁾	D	\$44.881	23,563	D	
Class A Common Stock	01/10/2012		S		100 ⁽⁹⁾	D	\$44.882	23,463	D	

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					
Nonstatutory Stock Option 12-05-03	\$9.97							12/05/2004	12/05/2013	Class A Common Stock	20,000	20,000	D	
Nonstatutory Stock Option 11-23-04	\$21.58							11/23/2005	11/23/2014	Class A Common Stock	70,000	70,000	D	
Nonstatutory Stock Option 12-15-05	\$30.645							12/15/2006	12/15/2015	Class A Common Stock	50,000	50,000	D	
Nonstatutory Stock Option 12-15-06	\$32.565							12/15/2007	12/14/2016	Class A Common Stock	56,000	56,000	D	
NSO 2007	\$43.61							12/14/2008	12/13/2017	Class A Common Stock	36,133	36,133	D	
2008 Restricted Stock Units ⁽¹⁾	\$0 ⁽²⁾							12/12/2009 ⁽³⁾	12/11/2018 ⁽⁴⁾	Class A Common Stock	70,000	70,000	D	
2009 Restricted Stock Units	\$0							12/11/2010	12/11/2019	Class A Common Stock	42,919	42,919	D	
Perf Based RSUs 3-16-10 ⁽¹⁾	\$0 ⁽⁵⁾							12/31/2012 ⁽⁵⁾	12/31/2012	Class A Common Stock	18,776	18,776 ⁽⁶⁾	D	
March 2011 Employee RSU Grant	\$0							03/02/2012	03/02/2021	Class A Common Stock	12,887	12,887	D	

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				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				
Non-Statutory Stock Option 3-3-2011 - \$48.50	\$48.5							03/02/2012	03/02/2021	Class A Common Stock	14,790		14,790	D	
Perf Based RSU 3-2-2011	\$0							12/31/2013	03/02/2021	Class A Common Stock	11,275		11,275	D	
2007 Restricted Stock Unit	\$0	01/09/2012		M			2,407 ⁽⁸⁾	12/14/2008	12/13/2017	Class A Common Stock	2,407	\$0	9,632	D	

Explanation of Responses:

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- Each RSU represents a contingent right to receive one share of Berry Petroleum Company Class A Common Stock
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- Issuance of shares from previous RSU grant based on meeting terms and timing of deferral election.
- Issuance of 20% of RSU shares per deferral election in place at date of grant.
- Shares sold to cover tax liability of issuance of deferred RSU shares.

Kenneth A Olson under POA for 01/10/2012
Michael Duginski

** 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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