

## 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>03/02/2011</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)	(State)	(Zip)						

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							5,261	D		
Class A Common Stock	03/02/2011		J		106 <sup>(15)</sup>	A	\$0	1,758	I	Held in 401(k) account

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					
2008 Restricted Stock Units <sup>(1)</sup>	\$0							12/11/2009 <sup>(2)</sup>	12/11/2018	Class A Common Stock	3,250	3,250	D	
2009 Restricted Stock Units <sup>(3)</sup>	\$0							12/11/2010 <sup>(4)</sup>	12/11/2019	Class A Common Stock	5,599	5,599	D	
Perf Based RSUs 3-16-10	\$0							12/31/2012	12/31/2012	Class A Common Stock	5,633	5,633	D	
March 2011 Employee RSU Grant <sup>(5)</sup>	\$0 <sup>(6)</sup>	03/02/2011		A		4,021 <sup>(7)</sup>		03/02/2012 <sup>(8)</sup>	03/02/2021	Class A Common Stock	4,021	\$0	4,021	D
Non-Statutory Stock Option 3-3-2011 - \$48.50 <sup>(9)</sup>	\$48.5	03/02/2011		A		4,615		03/02/2012 <sup>(11)</sup>	03/02/2021	Class A Common Stock	4,615	\$0 <sup>(10)</sup>	4,615	D
Perf Based RSU 3-2-2011 <sup>(12)</sup>	\$0 <sup>(13)</sup>	03/02/2011		A		3,518 <sup>(14)</sup>		12/31/2013	03/02/2021	Class A Common Stock	3,518	\$0	3,518	D

## Explanation of Responses:

- 1 for 1
- Restricted Stock Units vest 25% per year from date of grant.
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- Each RSU represents a contingent right to receive one share of Berry Petroleum Company Class A Common Stock
- Grant of Restricted Stock Unit (RSU) under the Company's 2010 Equity Incentive Plan in a transaction exempt under Rule 16b-3(c). RSUs vest 25% per year from date of grant.
- 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.
- 1 for 1
- Grant of Nonstatutory Stock Option (NSO) under the Company's 2010 Equity Incentive Plan in a transaction exempt under Rule 16b-3(c). Shares vest 25% per year from date of grant.
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13. 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 2, 2011, are met

14. 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 2, 2011.

15. 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.

Kenneth A. Olson Under POA  
for George W. Ciotti

03/04/2011

\*\* 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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