FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>Hadden Stephen J</u>					2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol BERRY PETROLEUM CO [BRY]							Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) X Director 10% Owner					
(Last) (First) (Middle) 1999 BROADWAY, SUITE 3700					3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 03/02/2012							Officer (give title Other (specify below) below)					
(Street) DENVE		State)	80202 (Zip)		4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) ative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Benef						Line	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person					
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Transar Date				2. Transact	2A. Deemed Execution Date,			3. 4. Securities Acquired (A) of Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4. Code (Instr. 5)			(A) or	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following		6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)		7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership	
								Code V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Reported Transacti (Instr. 3 a	on(s)			(Instr. 4)	
			Table II - D (e					uired, Disp				Owned					
1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) (Month/Day/Year) 3. Deemed Execution D if any (Month/Day/		Code (Instr.				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 derivative Securities Beneficiall Owned Following Reported	Own Forn Dire- or In (I) (I	ership :: et (D) direct str. 4)	Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
				Code	, v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		Transaction(s (Instr. 4)	on(s)			
March 2011 Director RSU ⁽¹⁾	\$0 ⁽²⁾							03/03/2012 ⁽³⁾	03/02/2021	Class A Common Stock	2,499		2,499		D		
March 2 2012 Director RSU Grant ⁽¹⁾	\$0 ⁽²⁾	03/02/2012		A		2,264 ⁽⁴⁾		03/02/2012 ⁽⁴⁾	03/02/2022	Class A Common Stock	2,264	\$0	2,264		D		

Explanation of Responses:

- 2. Each RSU represents a contingent right to receive one share of Berry Petroleum Company Class A Common Stock
- 3. 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.
- 4. Grant of Restricted Stock Unit (RSU) under the Company's 2005 Equity Incentive Plan in a transaction exempt under Rule 16b-3(c). RSUs are 100% vested one year from date of grant but are subject to an individual deferral election on behalf of the Director.

Kenneth A Olson under POA for Stephen Hadden

03/02/2012

** 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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