

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP**

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<p>1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*</p> <p><b>YOUNG MARTIN H JR</b></p> <hr/> <p>(Last) (First) (Middle)</p> <p><b>C/O BERRY PETROLEUM COMPANY</b></p> <p><b>1999 BROADWAY, SUITE 3700</b></p> <hr/> <p>(Street)</p> <p><b>DENVER CO 80202</b></p> <hr/> <p>(City) (State) (Zip)</p>	<p>2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol</p> <p><b>BERRY PETROLEUM CO [ BRY ]</b></p> <hr/> <p>3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)</p> <p><b>08/16/2011</b></p> <hr/> <p>4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)</p>	<p>5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director 10% Owner</p> <p>Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)</p> <hr/> <p>6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person</p> <p>Form filed by More than One Reporting Person</p>
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**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	08/16/2011		M		10,000 <sup>(5)</sup>	A	\$21.77	50,000	D	
Class A Common Stock	08/16/2011		S		200	D	\$49.87	49,800	D	
Class A Common Stock	08/16/2011		S		4,900	D	\$49.8908	44,900	D	
Class A Common Stock	08/16/2011		S		100	D	\$49.91	44,800	D	
Class A Common Stock	08/16/2011		S		700	D	\$49.9179	44,100	D	
Class A Common Stock	08/16/2011		S		300	D	\$50.01	43,800	D	
Class A Common Stock	08/16/2011		S		200	D	\$50.02	43,600	D	
Class A Common Stock	08/16/2011		S		300	D	\$50.07	43,300	D	
Class A Common Stock	08/16/2011		S		600	D	\$50.08	42,700	D	
Class A Common Stock	08/16/2011		S		200	D	\$50.13	42,500	D	
Class A Common Stock	08/16/2011		S		600	D	\$50.14	41,900	D	
Class A Common Stock	08/16/2011		S		900	D	\$50.17	41,000	D	
Class A Common Stock	08/16/2011		S		100	D	\$50.245	40,900	D	
Class A Common Stock	08/16/2011		S		700	D	\$50.52	40,200	D	
Class A Common Stock	08/16/2011		S		200	D	\$50.54	40,000	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		Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				
Phantom Stock Units <sup>(1)</sup>	\$0 <sup>(1)</sup>						08/08/1988 <sup>(2)</sup>	08/08/1988 <sup>(2)</sup>	Class A Common Stock	85,202		85,202	D	
Nonstatutory Stock Option 12-15-05	\$30.645						12/15/2005	12/15/2015	Class A Common Stock	10,000		10,000	D	
Nonstatutory Stock Option 12-15-06	\$32.565						12/15/2006	12/14/2016	Class A Common Stock	10,000		10,000	D	
2007 Restricted Stock Unit <sup>(1)</sup>	\$0						01/01/2008 <sup>(3)</sup>	12/13/2017 <sup>(4)</sup>	Class A Common Stock	1,319		1,319	D	
NSO 2007	\$43.61						12/14/2007	12/13/2017	Class A Common Stock	3,956		3,956	D	

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				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				
March 2011 Director RSU	\$0							03/02/2011	03/02/2021	Class A Common Stock	2,499		2,499	D	
Nonstatutory Stock Options 12-2-04	\$21.77	08/16/2011		M			10,000 <sup>(5)</sup>	12/02/2004	12/02/2014	Class A Common Stock	10,000	\$0	0	D	

**Explanation of Responses:**

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- Phantom Stock Units acquired under the Company's Non-Employee Director Deferred Compensation Plan in a transaction exempt under Rule 16b-3(c). Shares of Common Stock are issued under terms of the Plan upon resignation from the board of directors.
- The RSU granted is 100% vested at the date of grant but the receipt of shares are subject to a deferral period which is generally at least four years from the 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.
- Options exercised and shares sold under a 10b5-1 Plan established by filer.

**Remarks:**

Options exercised and shares sold under a 10b5-1 established by filer.

Kenneth A Olson under POA for  
Martin Young 08/16/2011

\*\* 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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