

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>BUSH WILLIAM E JR</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) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director 10% Owner Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)			
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>01/09/2012</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			
C/O BERRY PETROLEUM COMPANY 1999 BROADWAY, SUITE 3700			4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)						
(Street)	(City)	(State)	(Zip)						
<u>DENVER</u>	<u>CO</u>	<u>80202</u>							

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								800	I	As Custodian for minor grandchildren
Class A Common Stock	01/09/2012		M		263 ⁽¹⁾	A	\$44.395	174,259	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						Title
Nonstatutory Stock Option 12-15-06	\$32.565							12/15/2006	12/14/2016	Class A Common Stock	10,000	10,000	D		
NSO 2007	\$43.61							12/14/2007	12/13/2017	Class A Common Stock	3,956	3,956	D		
Phantom Stock Units	\$0							08/08/1988	08/08/1988	Class A Common Stock	15,997	15,997	D		
March 2011 Director RSU	\$0							03/02/2011	03/02/2021	Class A Common Stock	2,499	2,499	D		
2007 Restricted Stock Unit	\$0	01/09/2012		M		263 ⁽²⁾		01/01/2008	12/13/2017	Class A Common Stock	1,319	\$44.395	1,056	D	

Explanation of Responses:

1. Issuance of shares from previous RSU grant based on meeting terms and timing of deferral election.
2. Issuance of 20% of RSU shares per deferral election in place at date of grant.

Kenneth A Olson under POA for William Bush 01/10/2012

** 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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