## FORM 4

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obligations may continue. See Instruction 1(b).

## **UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington,	D.C. 205	49
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STATEMENT	OF CHANGES	IN BENEFICIAL	OWNERSHIP

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Name and Address of Reporting Person*     Bryant Joseph H				2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol BERRY PETROLEUM CO [ BRY ]								(Che	Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)     X Director 10% Owner					
(Last) (First) (Middle) C/O BERRY PETROLEUM COMPANY 1999 BROADWAY, SUITE 3700					3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 03/31/2010								Officer (give title below)		Other (spec below)		pecify	
1999 BROADWAY, SUITE 3/00				4. If	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)								6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)					
(Street)  DENVER	CO		30202									1 1	X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person					
(City)	(Sta	ite) (	Zip)															
		Tal	ole I - Nor	ı-Deriv	/ativ	e Se	curitie	s A	cquire	d, Dis	sposed of,	or Bene	eficially	Owned				
Date			saction //Day/Year)		2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Yea		Code (Instr.		4. Securities Acquired (A) Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4			5. Amoun Securities Beneficial Owned Fo	s Illy ollowing	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	Direct I Indirect E tr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership		
										e v	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Transaction (Instr. 3 au	on(s)			(Instr. 4)
Class A Common Stock											C	)		D				
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1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	Conversion Date	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) if any (Month/Day	Date, Trans Code		iction Instr.	of I		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		•	7. Title an of Securit Underlyin Derivative (Instr. 3 a	g Security	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number derivative Securities Beneficial Owned Following Reported Transactic (Instr. 4)	Ownersh S Form: Ully Direct (D Or Indirect (I) (Instr.	Ownership	Beneficial Ownership t (Instr. 4)	
				C	Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisa	ıble	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares					
Nonstatutory Stock Option 12- 15-05	\$30.645								12/15/2	005	12/14/2015	Class A Common Stock	10,000		10,000	0	D	
Nonstatutory Stock Option 12- 15-06	\$32.565								12/15/2	006	12/14/2016	Class A Common Stock	10,000		10,000	0	D	
NSO 2007	\$43.61								12/14/2	007	12/13/2017	Class A Common Stock	3,956		3,956	5	D	
2007 Restricted Stock Unit <sup>(1)</sup>	\$0								01/01/20	08 <sup>(2)</sup>	12/13/2017 <sup>(3)</sup>	Class A Common Stock	1,319		1,319	)	D	
Phantom	\$0 <sup>(4)</sup>	03/31/2010			Α		775 <sup>(5)</sup>		08/08/1	988	08/08/1988	Class A Common	28,969	\$28.16	29,744	4	D	

## **Explanation of Responses:**

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Stock Units

- 2. 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.
- 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. 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
- 5. 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.

Kenneth A Olson under POA for Joseph Bryant

Stock

03/31/2010

\*\* 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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