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## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Add	Iress of Reporting P ALPH B III	Person*	2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>BERRY PETROLEUM CO</u> [ BRY ]	5. 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 (Street)		COMPANY	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 03/15/2011	Officer (give title Other (specify below) below)
			4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) X Form filed by One Reporting Person
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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	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
		Code V		v	Amount	(A) or (D) Price		Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)		(1150.4)	
Class A Common Stock								70,000	Ι	As Co- Trustee of Charitable Trust	
Class A Common Stock								123,665	Ι	As Co- Trustee of Union Bank Trust Shares	
Class A Common Stock								13,432	Ι	As Custodian for Minor Children	
Class A Common Stock	03/15/2011		S		750	D	\$45.84	6,250	I	Busch Family Foundation	
Class A Common Stock	03/16/2011		S		2,891	D	\$46.25	136,228	D		

Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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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. Transa Code ( 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	Amount or Number of Shares				
Nonstatutory Stock Options 12- 2-01	\$7.725							12/02/2001	12/02/2011	Class A Common Stock	10,000		10,000	D	
Nonstatutory Stock Options 12- 2-02	\$8.07							12/02/2002	12/02/2012	Class A Common Stock	10,000		10,000	D	
Nonstatutory Stock Options 12- 2-03	\$9.61							12/02/2003	12/02/2013	Class A Common Stock	10,000		10,000	D	
Nonstatutory Stock Options 12- 2-04	\$21.77							12/02/2004	12/02/2014	Class A Common Stock	10,000		10,000	D	

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				Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares														
Nonstatutory Stock Option 12- 15-05	\$30.645							12/15/2005	12/15/2015	Class A Common Stock	10,000		10,000	D											
Phantom Stock Units <sup>(1)</sup>	\$0 <sup>(2)</sup>							08/08/1988 <sup>(3)</sup>	08/08/1988 <sup>(4)</sup>	Class A Common Stock	42,743		42,743	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>(5)</sup>	\$0							01/01/2008 <sup>(6)</sup>	12/13/2017 <sup>(7)</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											
March 2011 Director RSU	\$0							03/02/2011	03/02/2021	Class A Common Stock	2,499		2,499	D											

Explanation of Responses:

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3. 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.

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6. 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.

7. 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.

Kenneth A Olson under POA for Ralph Busch

<u>03/16/2011</u> Date

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

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).

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