FORM 4

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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>CRAWFORD GEORGE T</u> | | | | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol BERRY PETROLEUM CO [BRY] | | | | | | | | k all application of the contract of the contr | 10% Owner | | | ner | |
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| (Last) (First) (Middle) C/O BERRY PETROLEUM COMPANY 5201 TRUXTUN AVE. | | | | | | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 12/31/2012 | | | | | | | | X Officer (give title Other (specify below) Snr VP of CA Production | | | | | |
| (Street) BAKERSFIELD CA 93309 | | | | | | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | | | | | | | | 5. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable .ine) X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting | | | | | |
| (City) (State) (Zip) | | | | | | | | | | | | | Person | | | | | | |
| | | Tab | le I - Noi | n-Deri | vativ | e Se | curit | ies A | .cquired, [| Disp | osed of, | or Bene | ficially | Owned | | | | | |
| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Transa Date (Month/D | | | | | | saction n/Day/Year) | | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year | | Code (Instr. | | | | 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) | |
| | | | | | | | | | | ٧ | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price | Transactio (Instr. 3 ar | | | | | |
| Class A Co | ommon Stoc | ck | | | | | | | \dashv | | | | | 2,585 | | D | | | |
| Class A Common Stock | | | | | /31/2012 | | | | J | V | 135 ⁽⁵⁾ A | | \$0 | 4,363 | | | I 4 | Held in 401(k) Plan | |
| 4 Till £ | l. | 3. Transaction | | (e.g., | puts, | | ls, wa | rran | quired, Di ts, options | s, c | onvertibl | e securi | ties) ์ | | 0 N | | 40 | 44 Notice | |
| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | n Date | 3A. Deemed Execution I if any (Month/Day | Date, | 4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | | ı of | | 6. Date Exercisab Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | | | 7. Title and Ar of Securities Underlying Derivative Sec (Instr. 3 and 4 | | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number derivative Securitie Beneficia Owned Following Reported Transact (Instr. 4) | e s ally g | 10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | |
| | | | | | Code | v | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | | xpiration ate | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | | | | | | |
| Nonstatutory Stock Option 12- 15-05 | \$30.645 | | | | | | | | 12/15/2006 | | 12/15/2015 | Class A Common Stock | 20,000 | | 20,00 | 00 | D | | |
| Nonstatutory Stock Option 12- 15-06 | \$32.565 | | | | | | | | 12/15/2007 | : | 12/14/2016 | Class A Common Stock | 20,000 | | 20,00 | 00 | D | | |
| 2007 Restricted Stock Unit ⁽¹⁾ | \$0 ⁽²⁾ | | | | | | | | 12/14/2008 ⁽³ |) 12 | 2/13/2017 ⁽⁴⁾ | Class A Common Stock | 3,808 | | 3,80 | 8 | D | | |
| NSO 2007 | \$43.61 | | | | | | | | 12/14/2008 | : | 12/13/2017 | Class A Common Stock | 14,279 | | 14,27 | 79 | D | | |
| 2008 Restricted Stock Units ⁽¹⁾ | \$0 ⁽²⁾ | | | | | | | | 12/12/2009 ⁽³ |) 12 | 2/11/2018 ⁽⁴⁾ | Class A Common Stock | 26,667 | | 26,66 | 67 | D | | |
| 2009 Restricted Stock Units | \$0 | | | | | | | | 12/11/2010 | | 12/11/2019 | Class A Common Stock | 19,594 | | 19,59 | 94 | D | | |
| Perf Based RSUs 3-16- 10 | \$0 | | | | | | | | 12/31/2012 | | 12/31/2012 | Class A Common Stock | 8,261 | | 8,26 | 1 | D | | |
| March 2011 Employee RSU Grant | \$0 | | | | | | | | 03/02/2012 | | 03/02/2021 | Class A Common Stock | 6,444 | | 6,44 | 4 | D | | |
| Non- Statutory Stock Option 3-2- 2011 - \$48.50 | \$48.5 | | | | | | | | 03/02/2012 | | 03/02/2021 | Class A Common Stock | 7,395 | | 7,39 | 5 | D | | |
| Perf Based RSU 3-2- 2011 | \$0 | | | | | | | | 12/31/2013 | | 03/02/2021 | Class A Common Stock | 5,637 | | 5,63 | 7 | 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 | Amount or Number of Shares | | | | |
| March 2, 2012 Employee RSU Grant | \$0 | | | | | | | 03/02/2013 | 03/02/2022 | Class A Common Stock | 5,895 | | 5,895 | D | |
| Non Statutory Stock Option 3-2- 12 | \$53.02 | | | | | | | 03/02/2013 | 03/02/2022 | Class A Common Stock | 6,957 | | 6,957 | D | |
| Perf Based RSUs 3-2-12 | \$0 | | | | | | | 12/31/2014 | 03/02/2022 | Class A Common Stock | 5,157 | | 5,157 | D | |

Explanation of Responses:

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- 2. Each RSU represents a contingent right to receive one share of Berry Petroleum Company Class A Common Stock
- 3. The RSU granted vest 25% per year beginning one year after grant but the receipt of shares are subject to a deferral period which is generally at least four years from grant date as per the deferral election.
- 4. 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.
- 5. Shares of Common Stock acquired by the reporting person in the Company's 401(k) Plan. All transactions were at market and were non-discretionary.

Kenneth A Olson under POA for George Crawford

01/02/2013

** 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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