

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <b>Wolf David D</b> _____ (Last) (First) (Middle) <b>C/O BERRY PETROLEUM COMPANY</b> <b>1999 BROADWAY, SUITE 3700</b> _____ (Street) <b>DENVER CO 80202</b> _____ (City) (State) (Zip)			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <b>BERRY PETROLEUM CO [ BRY ]</b>			5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) <b>Exec VP and CFO</b>		
			3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <b>01/09/2012</b>					
			4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)			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		

**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							5,503	I	Held in the Company's 401(k) Plan	
Class A Common Stock	01/09/2012		M		6,071 <sup>(4)</sup>	A	\$44.395	32,291	D	
Class A Common Stock	01/10/2012		S		96 <sup>(6)</sup>	D	\$44.965	32,195	D	
Class A Common Stock	01/10/2012		S		700 <sup>(6)</sup>	D	\$44.97	31,495	D	
Class A Common Stock	01/10/2012		S		200 <sup>(6)</sup>	D	\$44.993	31,295	D	
Class A Common Stock	01/10/2012		S		100 <sup>(6)</sup>	D	\$45.0111	31,195	D	
Class A Common Stock	01/10/2012		S		700 <sup>(6)</sup>	D	\$45.013	30,495	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
NSO	\$41.18							08/04/2011	08/03/2018	Class A Common Stock	89,084	89,084	D		
2008 Restricted Stock Units <sup>(1)</sup>	\$0							12/12/2009 <sup>(2)</sup>	12/11/2018 <sup>(3)</sup>	Class A Common Stock	66,667	66,667	D		
2009 Restricted Stock Units <sup>(1)</sup>	\$0							12/11/2010 <sup>(2)</sup>	12/11/2019 <sup>(3)</sup>	Class A Common Stock	41,053	41,053	D		
Perf Based RSUs 3-16-10	\$0							12/31/2012	03/15/2020	Class A Common Stock	18,175	18,175	D		
March 2011 Employee RSU Grant	\$0							03/02/2012	03/02/2021	Class A Common Stock	12,372	12,372	D		
Non-Statutory Stock Option 3-3-2011 - \$48.50	\$48.5							03/02/2012	03/02/2021	Class A Common Stock	14,198	14,198	D		
RSU 8-4-08	\$0	01/09/2012		M		6,071 <sup>(5)</sup>		08/04/2011	08/03/2018	Class A Common Stock	6,071	\$44.395	24,284	D	

**Explanation of Responses:**

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2. 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.
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. Issuance of shares from previous RSU grant based on meeting terms and timing of deferral election.
5. Issuance of 20% of RSU shares per deferral election in place at date of grant.
6. Shares sold to cover tax liability of issuance of deferred RSU shares.

Kenneth A. Olson under POA  
for David D. Wolf

01/11/2012

\*\* 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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