

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>Wheat Jamie L</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) Director 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) <b>Controller</b>			
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>12/11/2011</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			
<u>1999 BROADWAY, SUITE 3700</u>			4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)						
(Street)	<u>DENVER</u>	<u>CO</u>	<u>80202</u>						
(City)	(State)	(Zip)							

**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								302	I	Held in 401(k) Account
Class A Common Stock	12/11/2011	12/12/2011	M		467 <sup>(1)</sup>	A	\$40.09	1,947	D	
Class A Common Stock	12/12/2011		M		375 <sup>(1)</sup>	A	\$39.3	2,322	D	
Class A Common Stock	12/13/2011		S		116 <sup>(2)</sup>	D	\$40.0146	2,206	D	
Class A Common Stock	12/13/2011		S		147 <sup>(2)</sup>	D	\$39.178	2,059	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					
March 2011 Employee RSU Grant	\$0							03/02/2012	03/02/2021	Class A Common Stock		1,856	D	
Non-Statutory Stock Option 3-3-2011 - \$48.50	\$48.5							03/02/2012	03/02/2021	Class A Common Stock		1,420	D	
2009 Restricted Stock Units	\$0	12/11/2011	12/12/2011	M		467 <sup>(1)</sup>		12/11/2010	12/11/2019	Class A Common Stock	\$40.09	934	D	
2008 Restricted Stock Units	\$0	12/12/2011		M		375 <sup>(1)</sup>		12/11/2009	12/11/2018	Class A Common Stock	\$39.3	375	D	

**Explanation of Responses:**

- 1. Vested shares issued pursuant to Rule 16b-3 plan.
- 2. Shares sold to cover tax liability on RSU shares vested.

Kenneth A. Olson Under POA 12/13/2011  
for Jamie L. Wheat

\*\* 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).

Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed. If space is insufficient, see Instruction 6 for procedure.

