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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
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2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
BERRY PETROLEUM CO [BRY]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
C/O BERRY PETROLEUM COMPANY, 1999 BROADWAY, SUITE 3700

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
03/07/2013

____ Director
____ Officer (give title below) _____ 10% Owner
____ Other (specify below)
VP of Human Resources

(Street)
DENVER, CO 80202

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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(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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| | | | | (A) or (D) | Price | | |
| | | | | Code | V | Amount | |
| Class A Common Stock | 03/07/2013 | | S | 753 ⁽¹⁾ D | \$ 46.8528 | 18,153 | D |

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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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. 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 Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | | | | |
|---|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|------------------|-----------------|----------------------|----------------------------|
| | | | | Code | V | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Non-Statutory Stock Option 5-18-06 | \$ 31.615 | | | | | | | 05/18/2007 | 05/17/2016 | Class A Common Stock | 10,000 |
| Nonstatutory Stock Option 12-15-06 | \$ 32.565 | | | | | | | 12/15/2007 | 12/14/2016 | Class A Common Stock | 5,000 |
| NSO 2007 | \$ 43.61 | | | | | | | 12/14/2008 | 12/13/2017 | Class A Common Stock | 6,880 |
| 2009 Restricted Stock Units | \$ 0 | | | | | | | 12/11/2010 | 12/11/2019 | Class A Common Stock | 5,318 |
| Non-Statutory Stock Option 3-2-2011 - \$48.50 | \$ 48.5 | | | | | | | 03/02/2014 | 03/02/2021 | Class A Common Stock | 2,367 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|-----------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Ayers William B C/O BERRY PETROLEUM COMPANY 1999 BROADWAY, SUITE 3700 DENVER, CO 80202 | | | VP of Human Resources | |

Signatures

Kenneth A. Olson under POA for W. B. Ayers 03/07/2013

__Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

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(1) Shares sold to cover taxes on RSU vesting under Rule 16b-3 Plan.

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