

BUSCH RALPH B III  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
BUSCH RALPH B III

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)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
01/09/2012

\_\_\_\_ Director  
\_\_\_\_ Officer (give title below)  
\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)

C/O BERRY PETROLEUM COMPANY, 1999 BROADWAY, SUITE 3700

(Street)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

DENVER, CO 80202

(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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
Class A Common Stock					70,000	I	As Co-Trustee of Charitable Trust
Class A Common Stock					123,583	I	As Co-Trustee of Union Bank Trust Shares
					7,250	I	

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Class A Common Stock									Busch Family Foundation
Class A Common Stock						14,432		I	As Custodian for Minor Children
Class A Common Stock	01/09/2012		M	263 <sup>(3)</sup>	A	\$ 44,395	140,448	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)

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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Amount or Number of Shares	
Nonstatutory Stock Options 12-2-02	\$ 8.07					Date Exercisable 12/02/2002	Expiration Date 12/02/2012	Title Class A Common Stock	10
Nonstatutory Stock Options 12-2-03	\$ 9.61					12/02/2003	12/02/2013	Class A Common Stock	10
Nonstatutory Stock Options 12-2-04	\$ 21.77					12/02/2004	12/02/2014	Class A Common Stock	10
Nonstatutory Stock Option 12-15-05	\$ 30.645					12/15/2005	12/15/2015	Class A Common Stock	10

Phantom Stock Units (1)	\$ 0 (1)					08/08/1988(2)	08/08/1988(2)	Class A Common Stock	44
Nonstatutory Stock Option 12-15-06	\$ 32.565					12/15/2006	12/14/2016	Class A Common Stock	10
NSO 2007	\$ 43.61					12/14/2007	12/13/2017	Class A Common Stock	3,
March 2011 Director RSU	\$ 0					03/02/2011	03/02/2021	Class A Common Stock	2,
2007 Restricted Stock Unit	\$ 0	01/09/2012		M	263 (4)	01/01/2008	12/13/2017	Class A Common Stock	1,

## Reporting Owners

### Reporting Owner Name / Address

### Relationships

Director    10% Owner    Officer    Other

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C/O BERRY PETROLEUM COMPANY  
1999 BROADWAY, SUITE 3700  
DENVER, CO 80202

## Signatures

Kenneth A Olson under POA for Ralph Busch

01/10/2012

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

\* 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).

(1) 1 for 1

(2) 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.

(3) Issuance of shares from previous RSU grant based on meeting terms and timing of deferral election.

(4) Issuance of 20% of RSU shares per deferral election in place at date of grant.

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