

Keller John Frank
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FORM 4

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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 *
Keller John Frank

(Last) (First) (Middle)

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

(Street)

DENVER, CO 80202

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
BERRY PETROLEUM CO [BRY]

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

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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 (D) Price			
Class A Common Stock	01/09/2012		M	1,319 (1) A \$ 44.395	2,519	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	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
Nonstatutory Stock Option 38.0025	\$ 38.0025					02/02/2006	02/01/2016				Class A Common Stock	10,000
Nonstatutory Stock Option 12-15-06	\$ 32.565					12/15/2006	12/14/2016				Class A Common Stock	10,000
NSO 2007	\$ 43.61					12/14/2007	12/13/2017				Class A Common Stock	3,950
Phantom Stock Units	\$ 0					08/08/1988	08/08/1988				Class A Common Stock	23,600
March 2011 Director RSU	\$ 0					03/02/2011	03/02/2021				Class A Common Stock	2,490
2007 Restricted Stock Unit	\$ 0	01/09/2012		M	1,319 <u>(2)</u>	01/01/2008	12/13/2017				Class A Common Stock	1,319

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

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1999 BROADWAY, SUITE 3700
DENVER, CO 80202

Signatures

Kenneth A Olson under POA for John Keller

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) Issuance of shares from previous RSU grant based on meeting terms and timing of deferral election.
 - (2) Issuance of 100% of RSU shares per deferral election in place at date of grant.

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