

HEINEMANN ROBERT
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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 *
HEINEMANN ROBERT

(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)
03/14/2012

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)
President and CEO

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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| | | | | (A) or (D) | Price | | |
| Class A Common Stock | | | | | 13,699 | I | Held in 401(k) Plan |
| Class A Common Stock | 03/14/2012 | | M | 26,495 A | \$ 14.375 219,984 | D | |
| Class A Common Stock | 03/14/2012 | | S | 3,339 D | \$ 52 216,645 | 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 Underlying (Instr. 3 and 4) | |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|--|----------------------|
| | | | | Code | V (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title |
| Nonstatutory Stock Option 11-23-04 | \$ 21.58 | | | | | 11/23/2005 | 11/23/2014 | Class A Common Stock |
| Nonstatutory Stock Option 12-15-05 | \$ 30.645 | | | | | 12/15/2006 | 12/15/2015 | Class A Common Stock |
| Phantom Stock Units ⁽¹⁾ | \$ 0 | | | | | 08/08/1988 | 08/08/1988 | Class A Common Stock |
| Nonstatutory Stock Option 12-15-06 | \$ 32.565 | | | | | 12/15/2007 | 12/14/2016 | Class A Common Stock |
| 2007 Restricted Stock Unit ⁽¹⁾ | \$ 0 ⁽³⁾ | | | | | 12/14/2008 ⁽⁴⁾ | 12/13/2017 ⁽⁵⁾ | Class A Common Stock |
| NSO 2007 | \$ 43.61 | | | | | 12/14/2008 | 12/13/2017 | Class A Common Stock |
| 2008 Restricted Stock Units ⁽¹⁾ | \$ 0 ⁽³⁾ | | | | | 12/12/2009 ⁽⁴⁾ | 12/11/2018 ⁽⁵⁾ | Class A Common Stock |
| 2009 Restricted Stock Units | \$ 0 | | | | | 12/11/2010 | 12/11/2019 | Class A Common Stock |
| Perf Based RSUs 3-16-10 ⁽¹⁾ | \$ 0 ⁽⁶⁾ | | | | | 12/31/2012 ⁽⁶⁾ | 12/31/2012 | Class A Common Stock |
| | \$ 0 | | | | | 03/02/2012 | 03/02/2021 | |

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|--|-----------|------------|--|---|--------|------------|------------|----------------------------|
| March 2011 Employee RSU Grant | | | | | | | | Class A Common Stock |
| Non-Statutory Stock Option 3-2-2011 - \$48.50 | \$ 48.5 | | | | | 03/02/2012 | 03/02/2021 | Class A Common Stock |
| Perf Based RSU 3-2-2011 | \$ 0 | | | | | 12/31/2013 | 03/02/2021 | Class A Common Stock |
| Perf Based RSUs 3-2-12 | \$ 0 | | | | | 12/31/2014 | 03/02/2022 | Class A Common Stock |
| March 2, 2012 Employee RSU Grant | \$ 0 | | | | | 03/02/2013 | 03/02/2022 | Class A Common Stock |
| Non Statutory Stock Option 3-2-12 | \$ 53.02 | | | | | 03/02/2013 | 03/02/2022 | Class A Common Stock |
| Nonstatutory Stock Option 6-16-04 | \$ 14.375 | 03/14/2012 | | M | 26,495 | 06/16/2005 | 06/16/2014 | Class A Common Stock |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|-------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| HEINEMANN ROBERT C/O BERRY PETROLEUM COMPANY 1999 BROADWAY, SUITE 3700 DENVER, CO 80202 | | | President and CEO | |

Signatures

Kenneth A Olson under POA for Robert
Heinemann

03/15/2012

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) Each RSU represents a contingent right to receive one share of Berry Petroleum Company Class A Common Stock

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- (4) 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.
- (5) 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.
- (6) Each RSU represents a contingent right to receive one share of Berry Petroleum Company Class A Common Stock if certain pre-established performance factors, as set forth in the Company's Form 8-K dated March 18, 2010, are met.
- (7) Per the Agreement this is the maximum number of performance based RSUs that may be received if all performance factors are achieved as outlined in the Form 8-K dated March 18, 2010.

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