

BERRY PETROLEUM CO

Form 4

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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
BUSCH RALPH B III

(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)
12/16/2013

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)
X Form filed by One Reporting Person
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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 | (A) or (D) | Price |
| Class A Common Stock | 12/16/2013 | | D | | 236,239 (2) | D | \$ 0 0 |
| Class A Common Stock | 12/16/2013 | | D | | 123,363 (2) | D | \$ 0 0 |
| Class A Common Stock | 12/16/2013 | | D | | 75,250 (2) | D | \$ 0 0 |

As Co-Trustee of Union Bank Trust Shares
Busch Family Foundation

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|----------------------------|------------|---|---------------|---|------|---|---|--|
| Class A Common Stock | 12/16/2013 | D | 28,208 (2) | D | \$ 0 | 0 | I | As Custodian for Minor Children |
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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 An Underlying Sec (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|---|--|---|---|--------------------------------------|--|--|--------------------|---|
| | | | | Code V | (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title |
| RSU 12-16-2013 | \$ 0 | 12/16/2013 | | M | 2,479 (1) | 12/16/2013 | 12/31/2013 | Class A Common Stock |
| 2007 Restricted Stock Unit | \$ 0 | 12/16/2013 | | D | 792 (3) | 01/01/2008 | 12/13/2017 | Class A Common Stock |
| March 2 2012 Director RSU Grant | \$ 0 | 12/16/2013 | | D | 2,231 (4) | 03/02/2012 | 03/02/2022 | Class A Common Stock |
| March 2011 Director RSU | \$ 0 | 12/16/2013 | | D | 2,499 (4) | 03/02/2011 | 03/02/2021 | Class A Common Stock |
| March 4, 2013 Director RSU Grant | \$ 0 | 12/16/2013 | | D | 2,629 (4) | 03/04/2013 | 03/04/2023 | Class A Common Stock |
| Nonstatutory Stock Option 12-15-05 | \$ 30.645 | 12/16/2013 | | D | 10,000 (5) | 12/15/2005 | 12/15/2015 | Class A Common Stock |
| Nonstatutory Stock Option 12-15-06 | \$ 32.565 | 12/16/2013 | | D | 10,000 (5) | 12/15/2006 | 12/14/2016 | Class A Common Stock |

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| Nonstatutory Stock Options 12-2-04 | \$ 21.77 | 12/16/2013 | D | 10,000 (5) | 12/02/2004 | 12/02/2014 | Class A Common Stock |
| NSO 2007 | \$ 43.61 | 12/16/2013 | D | 3,956 (5) | 12/14/2007 | 12/13/2017 | Class A Common Stock |
| Phantom Stock Units | \$ 0 | 12/16/2013 | D | 48,768 (6) | 08/08/1988 | 08/08/1988 | Class A Common Stock |
| RSU 12-16-2013 | \$ 0 | 12/16/2013 | D | 2,479 (4) | 12/16/2013 | 12/31/2013 | Class A Common Stock |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| BUSCH RALPH B III C/O BERRY PETROLEUM COMPANY 1999 BROADWAY, SUITE 3700 DENVER, CO 80202 | | | | |

Signatures

Kenneth A Olson under POA for Ralph
Busch

12/20/2013

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. *See* 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) RSU Grant awarded to Board of Directors at completion of Merger pursuant to Board action as disclosed in the Merger Proxy materials.
Disposed of pursuant to the merger (the "Merger") of Berry Petroleum Company ("Berry") with LinnCo ("Linn") in a stock-for-stock
- (2) merger. After the transaction Berry will be an indirect wholly owned subsidiary of Linn. Pursuant to the Merger agreement each share of Berry Common Stock will be exchanged for 1.68 shares of LinnCo common shares.
Disposed of pursuant to the merger (the "Merger") of Berry Petroleum Company ("Berry") with LinnCo, LLC ("LinnCo") in a
- (3) stock-for-stock merger, which was completed on December 16, 2013. Following the transaction Berry is an indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of Linn Energy, LLC. Pursuant to the Merger agreement each RSU was exchanged for 1.68 shares of LinnCo common shares.
- (4) Disposed of pursuant to the merger (the "Merger") of Berry Petroleum Company ("Berry") with LinnCo ("Linn") in a stock-for-stock merger. Pursuant to the Merger agreement each RSU will be exchanged for 1.68 shares of LinnCo common shares.
Disposed of pursuant to the merger (the "Merger") of Berry Petroleum Company ("Berry") with LinnCo ("Linn") in a stock-for-stock
- (5) merger. Pursuant to the Merger agreement each option to purchase Berry shares will be exchanged for 1.682115 options to purchase LINN Units on the same terms and conditions as were applicable to Berry shares prior to the Merger.
- (6) Disposed of pursuant to terms of Merger Agreement and Proxy Materials in exchange for 1.68 shares of LinnCo Common stock.

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