

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)  
12/13/2012

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
\_\_\_\_ Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ 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)
			Code	V Amount (D) Price			
Class A Common Stock					70,000	I	As Co-Trustee of Charitable Trust
Class A Common Stock					123,500	I	As Co-Trustee of Union Bank Trust Shares
Class A Common					6,500	I	Busch Family

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Stock									Foundation
Class A Common Stock						26,824	I		As Custodian for Minor Children
Class A Common Stock	12/13/2012		G	<u>83,997</u> (5)	A	\$ 0	218,626	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 Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	Amount or Number of Shares	
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	
Nonstatutory Stock Options 12-2-03	\$ 9.61					12/02/2003	12/02/2013	Class A Common Stock	10,000
Nonstatutory Stock Options 12-2-04	\$ 21.77					12/02/2004	12/02/2014	Class A Common Stock	10,000
Nonstatutory Stock Option 12-15-05	\$ 30.645					12/15/2005	12/15/2015	Class A Common Stock	10,000
Phantom Stock Units (1)	\$ 0 (1)					08/08/1988(2)	08/08/1988(2)	Class A Common Stock	46,400
Nonstatutory Stock Option	\$ 32.565					12/15/2006	12/14/2016	Class A Common	10,000

Date	Description	Value	Grant Date	Expiration Date	Class	Quantity
12-15-06					Stock	
2007	Restricted Stock Unit <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 0 <sup>(3)</sup>	01/01/2008 <sup>(4)</sup>	12/13/2017	Class A Common Stock	1,0
NSO 2007		\$ 43.61	12/14/2007	12/13/2017	Class A Common Stock	3,9
March 2011	Director RSU <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 0 <sup>(3)</sup>	03/02/2011 <sup>(4)</sup>	03/02/2021	Class A Common Stock	2,4
March 2 2012	Director RSU Grant	\$ 0	03/02/2012	03/02/2022	Class A Common Stock	2,2

## 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 Ralph Busch

12/13/2012

\*\*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

(4) 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.

(5) Gifted Shares Received

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