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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 \*  
Wolf David D

(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)  
03/16/2012

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)  
Exec VP and CFO

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	03/16/2012		S	4,275	D \$ 51.5	26,220	D
Class A Common Stock	03/16/2012		S	5,663	D \$ 51.54	0	I Held in the Company's 401(k) Plan
Class A Common Stock	03/16/2012		S	10,753	D \$ 51.54	15,467	D
Class A Common Stock	03/16/2012		S	13,434	D \$ 51.5	2,033	D

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Common  
Stock

Class A

Common Stock 03/16/2012 S 2,033 D \$ 51.5 0 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)
RSU 8-4-08 <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 0					08/04/2011 <sup>(2)</sup> 08/03/2018 <sup>(3)</sup>	Class A Common Stock 24
NSO	\$ 41.18					08/04/2011 08/03/2018	Class A Common Stock 89
2008 Restricted Stock Units <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 0					12/12/2009 <sup>(4)</sup> 12/11/2018 <sup>(3)</sup>	Class A Common Stock 66
2009 Restricted Stock Units <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 0					12/11/2010 <sup>(4)</sup> 12/11/2019 <sup>(3)</sup>	Class A Common Stock 41
Perf Based RSUs 3-16-10	\$ 0					12/31/2012 03/15/2020	Class A Common Stock 18
March 2011 Employee RSU Grant	\$ 0					03/02/2012 03/02/2021	Class A Common Stock 12

Non-Statutory Stock Option 3-2-2011 - \$48.50	\$ 48.5	03/02/2012	03/02/2021	Class A Common Stock	14
Perf Based RSU 3-2-2011	\$ 0	12/31/2013	03/02/2021	Class A Common Stock	10
March 2, 2012 Employee RSU Grant	\$ 0	03/02/2013	03/02/2022	Class A Common Stock	11
Non Statutory Stock Option 3-2-12	\$ 53.02	03/02/2013	03/02/2022	Class A Common Stock	13
Perf Based RSUs 3-2-12	\$ 0	12/31/2014	03/02/2022	Class A Common Stock	9,

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
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## Signatures

Kenneth A. Olson under POA for David D.  
Wolf

03/19/2012

\_\_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).

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(2) Restricted Stock Units vest 100% 3 years after date of grant but are subject to a deferral election.

(3) 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.

(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.

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