

BUSH WILLIAM E JR
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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 *
BUSH WILLIAM E JR

(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)
03/15/2011

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)
 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 Ownership (Instr. 4) | | |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|--|---------|---|
| Class A Common Stock | | | | (A) or (D) | Price | | As Custodian for minor grandchildren | | |
| | | | Code | V | Amount | | | | |
| Class A Common Stock | 03/15/2011 | | M | | 4,200 | A | \$ 30.645 | 178,196 | D |
| Class A Common Stock | 03/15/2011 | | S | | 200 | D | \$ 47.355 | 177,996 | D |
| Class A Common Stock | 03/15/2011 | | S | | 499 | D | \$ 47.362 | 177,497 | D |

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|----------------------|------------|---|-------|---|------------|---------|---|
| Common Stock | | | | | | | |
| Class A Common Stock | 03/15/2011 | S | 100 | D | \$ 47.37 | 177,397 | D |
| Class A Common Stock | 03/15/2011 | S | 800 | D | \$ 47.3706 | 176,597 | D |
| Class A Common Stock | 03/15/2011 | S | 600 | D | \$ 47.4017 | 175,997 | D |
| Class A Common Stock | 03/15/2011 | S | 101 | D | \$ 47.4098 | 175,896 | D |
| Class A Common Stock | 03/15/2011 | S | 1,500 | D | \$ 47.4207 | 174,396 | D |
| Class A Common Stock | 03/15/2011 | S | 200 | D | \$ 47.425 | 174,196 | D |
| Class A Common Stock | 03/15/2011 | S | 200 | D | \$ 47.45 | 173,996 | 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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|---|
| Nonstatutory Stock Option | \$ 32.565 | | | | | Date Exercisable: 12/15/2006 Expiration Date: 12/14/2016 | Class A Common |

