

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)  
 02/17/2010

\_\_\_\_ Director  
 \_\_\_\_ Officer (give title below)  
 \_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 \_\_\_\_ 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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D) Code V Amount (D) Price			
Class A Common Stock					143,528	D	
Class A Common Stock					80,000	I	As Co-Trustee of Charitable Trust
Class A Common Stock					124,665	I	As Co-Trustee of Union Bank Trust

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			Shares
Class A Common Stock	6,000	I	Busch Family Foundation
Class A Common Stock	10,432	I	As Custodian for Minor Children

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
Nonstatutory Stock Options 12-2-2000	\$ 7.8438					12/02/2000	12/02/2010			Class A Common Stock
Nonstatutory Stock Options 12-2-01	\$ 7.725					12/02/2001	12/02/2011			Class A Common Stock
Nonstatutory Stock Options 12-2-02	\$ 8.07					12/02/2002	12/02/2012			Class A Common Stock
Nonstatutory Stock Options 12-2-03	\$ 9.61					12/02/2003	12/02/2013			Class A Common Stock
Nonstatutory Stock Options 12-2-04	\$ 21.77					12/02/2004	12/02/2014			Class A Common Stock

Stock Options									Common Stock
12-2-04									
Nonstatutory Stock Option	\$ 30.645					12/15/2005	12/15/2015		Class A Common Stock
12-15-05									
Nonstatutory Stock Option	\$ 32.565					12/15/2006	12/14/2016		Class A Common Stock
12-15-06									
2007 Restricted Stock Unit <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 0					01/01/2008 <sup>(2)</sup>	12/13/2017 <sup>(3)</sup>		Class A Common Stock
NSO 2007	\$ 43.61					12/14/2007	12/13/2017		Class A Common Stock
Phantom Stock Units	\$ 0 <sup>(4)</sup>	02/17/2010		A	3,511 <sup>(5)</sup>	08/08/1988	08/08/1988		Class A Common Stock

## Reporting Owners

### Reporting Owner Name / Address

### Relationships

Director    10% Owner    Officer    Other

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 C/O BERRY PETROLEUM COMPANY  
 1999 BROADWAY, SUITE 3700  
 DENVER, CO 80202

## Signatures

Kenneth A Olson under POA for Ralph Busch

02/18/2010

        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) The RSU granted is 100% vested at the date of grant but the receipt of shares are subject to a deferral period which is generally at least four years from the grant date as per the 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) 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.

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