

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 *
CRAWFORD GEORGE T

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O BERRY PETROLEUM COMPANY, 5201 TRUXTUN AVE.

(Street)

BAKERSFIELD, CA 93309

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
BERRY PETROLEUM CO [BRY]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
01/08/2013

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)
Snr VP of CA Production

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
X Form filed by One Reporting Person
___ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| Class A Common Stock | | | | | 4,369 | I | Held in 401(k) Plan |
| Class A Common Stock | 01/08/2013 | | M | 5,333 (1) A | \$ 35.535 7,918 | D | |
| Class A Common Stock | 01/09/2013 | | M | 952 (1) A | \$ 35.645 8,870 | D | |
| Class A Common | 01/09/2013 | | S | 443 D | \$ 35.21 8,427 | D | |

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|----------------------------|------------|---|-----|---|----------|-------|---|
| Stock | | | | | | | |
| Class A Common Stock | 01/09/2013 | S | 840 | D | \$ 35.22 | 7,587 | D |
| Class A Common Stock | 01/09/2013 | S | 326 | D | \$ 35.24 | 7,261 | D |
| Class A Common Stock | 01/09/2013 | S | 100 | D | \$ 35.26 | 7,161 | D |
| Class A Common Stock | 01/09/2013 | S | 100 | D | \$ 35.27 | 7,061 | D |
| Class A Common Stock | 01/09/2013 | S | 100 | D | \$ 35.29 | 6,961 | 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) | | |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| | | | | Code | V (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Nonstatutory Stock Option 12-15-05 | \$ 30.645 | | | | | 12/15/2006 | 12/15/2015 | Class A Common Stock | 20,000 |
| Nonstatutory Stock Option 12-15-06 | \$ 32.565 | | | | | 12/15/2007 | 12/14/2016 | Class A Common Stock | 20,000 |
| NSO 2007 | \$ 43.61 | | | | | 12/14/2008 | 12/13/2017 | Class A Common Stock | 14,200 |

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|---|----------|------------|--|---|--------------|------------|------------|----------------------|------|
| 2009 Restricted Stock Units | \$ 0 | | | | | 12/11/2010 | 12/11/2019 | Class A Common Stock | 19,5 |
| Perf Based RSUs 3-16-10 | \$ 0 | | | | | 12/31/2012 | 12/31/2012 | Class A Common Stock | 8,2 |
| March 2011 Employee RSU Grant | \$ 0 | | | | | 03/02/2012 | 03/02/2021 | Class A Common Stock | 6,4 |
| Non-Statutory Stock Option 3-2-2011 - \$48.50 | \$ 48.5 | | | | | 03/02/2012 | 03/02/2021 | Class A Common Stock | 7,3 |
| Perf Based RSU 3-2-2011 | \$ 0 | | | | | 12/31/2013 | 03/02/2021 | Class A Common Stock | 5,6 |
| March 2, 2012 Employee RSU Grant | \$ 0 | | | | | 03/02/2013 | 03/02/2022 | Class A Common Stock | 5,8 |
| Non Statutory Stock Option 3-2-12 | \$ 53.02 | | | | | 03/02/2013 | 03/02/2022 | Class A Common Stock | 6,9 |
| Perf Based RSUs 3-2-12 | \$ 0 | | | | | 12/31/2014 | 03/02/2022 | Class A Common Stock | 5,1 |
| 2008 Restricted Stock Units | \$ 0 | 01/08/2013 | | M | 5,333 (2) | 12/12/2009 | 12/11/2018 | Class A Common Stock | 26,6 |
| 2007 Restricted Stock Unit | \$ 0 | 01/09/2013 | | M | 952 (2) | 12/14/2008 | 12/13/2017 | Class A Common Stock | 3,8 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|----------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| CRAWFORD GEORGE T C/O BERRY PETROLEUM COMPANY 5201 TRUXTUN AVE. BAKERSFIELD, CA 93309 | | | Snr VP of CA Production | |

Signatures

Kenneth A Olson under POA for George
Crawford

01/09/2013

__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) Issuance of shares from previous RSU grant based on meeting terms and timing of deferral election.
 - (2) Issuance of 20% of RSU shares pursuant to a Rule 16b-3 Plan per deferral election in place at date of grant.

Remarks:

Shares sold were to cover taxes due on RSU issuance.

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