

BUSCH RALPH B III
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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 *
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)
C/O BERRY PETROLEUM COMPANY, 1999 BROADWAY, SUITE 3700

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
04/18/2013

____ Director
 ____ Officer (give title below)
 ____ 10% Owner
 ____ Other (specify below)

(Street)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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	Price
Class A Common Stock					218,891	D		
Class A Common Stock					76,500	I	Busch Family Foundation	
Class A Common Stock					28,208	I	As Custodian for Minor Children	

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Class A Common Stock	04/18/2013	S	137 ⁽⁵⁾	D	\$ 47.07	123,363	I	As Co-Trustee of Union Bank Trust Shares
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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)
Nonstatutory Stock Options 12-2-03	\$ 9.61					Date Exercisable: 12/02/2003 Expiration Date: 12/02/2013	Class A Common Stock 10,000
Nonstatutory Stock Options 12-2-04	\$ 21.77					Date Exercisable: 12/02/2004 Expiration Date: 12/02/2014	Class A Common Stock 10,000
Nonstatutory Stock Option 12-15-05	\$ 30.645					Date Exercisable: 12/15/2005 Expiration Date: 12/15/2015	Class A Common Stock 10,000
Phantom Stock Units ⁽¹⁾	\$ 0 ⁽¹⁾					Date Exercisable: 08/08/1988 ⁽²⁾ Expiration Date: 08/08/1988 ⁽²⁾	Class A Common Stock 47,700
Nonstatutory Stock Option 12-15-06	\$ 32.565					Date Exercisable: 12/15/2006 Expiration Date: 12/14/2016	Class A Common Stock 10,000
2007 Restricted	\$ 0 ⁽³⁾					Date Exercisable: 01/01/2008 ⁽⁴⁾ Expiration Date: 12/13/2017	Class A Common 79,000

Stock Unit ⁽¹⁾				Stock	
NSO 2007	\$ 43.61	12/14/2007	12/13/2017	Class A Common Stock	3,9
March 2011 Director RSU <u>(1)</u>	\$ 0 ⁽³⁾	03/02/2011 ⁽⁴⁾	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
March 4, 2013 Director RSU Grant	\$ 0	03/04/2013	03/04/2023	Class A Common Stock	2,6

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
BUSCH RALPH B III C/O BERRY PETROLEUM COMPANY 1999 BROADWAY, SUITE 3700 DENVER, CO 80202				

Signatures

Kenneth A Olson under POA for Ralph Busch	05/17/2013
<small>**Signature of Reporting Person</small>	<small>Date</small>

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) Shares sold from Trust account for which Mr. Busch has a reporting obligation but no control over sales that take place.

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