

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)  
03/08/2012

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)

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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
Class A Common Stock					800	I	As Custodian for minor grandchildren
Class A Common Stock	03/08/2012		S	300 D	\$ 52.3 175,459	D	
Class A Common Stock	03/08/2012		S	431 D	\$ 52.301 175,028	D	
Class A Common Stock	03/08/2012		S	100 D	\$ 174,928	D	

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Common Stock						52.3026	
Class A Common Stock	03/08/2012	S	300	D	\$ 52.32	174,628	D
Class A Common Stock	03/08/2012	S	400	D	\$ 52.33	174,228	D
Class A Common Stock	03/08/2012	S	100	D	\$ 52.331	174,128	D
Class A Common Stock	03/08/2012	S	300	D	\$ 52.34	173,828	D
Class A Common Stock	03/08/2012	S	300	D	\$ 52.36	173,528	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)
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 Stock Unit <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 0 <sup>(2)</sup>					01/01/2008 <sup>(3)</sup> 12/13/2017 <sup>(3)</sup>	Class A Common Stock 1,000

NSO 2007	\$ 43.61	12/14/2007	12/13/2017	Class A Common Stock	3,9
Phantom Stock Units	\$ 0	08/08/1988	08/08/1988	Class A Common Stock	15,9
March 2011 Director RSU	\$ 0	03/02/2011	03/02/2021	Class A Common Stock	2,0

## Reporting Owners

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

Kenneth A Olson under POA for William  
Bush 03/09/2012

\_\_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).
- (1) 1 for 1
  - (2) Each RSU represents a contingent right to receive one share of Berry Petroleum Company Class A Common Stock
  - (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.

### Remarks:

Sales of RSU Equity Grant shares acquired March 2, 2012.

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