

BERRY PETROLEUM CO
Form 4
December 19, 2013

FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
CROPPER STEVE

(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)

12/16/2013

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)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
X 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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount (A) or (D)	Price	
Class A Common Stock	12/16/2013		D		15,000 (3)	\$ 0 0	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)**

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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 Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)			
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount
RSU 12-16-2013	\$ 0	12/16/2013		M		2,479 (1)		12/16/2013	12/31/2013	Class A Common Stock	
Phantom Stock Units	\$ 0	12/16/2013		A		18 (2)		08/08/1988	08/08/1988	Class A Common Stock	
2007 Restricted Stock Unit	\$ 0	12/16/2013		D		1,319 (4)		01/01/2008	12/13/2017	Class A Common Stock	
March 2 2012 Director RSU Grant	\$ 0	12/16/2013		D		2,231 (4)		03/02/2012	03/02/2022	Class A Common Stock	
March 2011 Director RSU	\$ 0	12/16/2013		D		2,499 (4)		03/02/2011	03/02/2021	Class A Common Stock	
March 4, 2013 Director RSU Grant	\$ 0	12/16/2013		D		2,629 (4)		03/04/2013	03/04/2023	Class A Common Stock	
Nonstatutory Stock Option 12-15-05	\$ 30.645	12/16/2013		D		10,000 (5)		12/15/2005	12/15/2015	Class A Common Stock	
Nonstatutory Stock Option 12-15-06	\$ 32.565	12/16/2013		D		10,000 (5)		12/15/2006	12/14/2016	Class A Common Stock	
Nonstatutory Stock Options 12-2-04	\$ 21.77	12/16/2013		D		10,000 (5)		12/02/2004	12/02/2014	Class A Common Stock	
NSO 2007	\$ 43.61	12/16/2013		D		3,956 (5)		12/14/2007	12/13/2017	Class A Common Stock	
Phantom Stock Units	\$ 0	12/16/2013		D		3,731 (6)		08/08/1988	08/08/1988	Class A Common Stock	

RSU					2,479			Class A
12-16-2013	\$ 0	12/16/2013	D		<u>(5)</u>	12/16/2013	12/31/2013	Common Stock

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

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

Signatures

Kenneth A Olson under POA for Stephen
Cropper

12/19/2013

__Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

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(1) RSU Grant awarded to Board of Directors at completion of Merger pursuant to Board action as disclosed in the Merger Proxy materials.

(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) Disposed of pursuant to the merger (the "Merger") of Berry Petroleum Company ("Berry") with LinnCo, LLC ("LinnCo") in a stock-for-stock merger, which was completed on December 16, 2013. Following the transaction Berry is an indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of Linn Energy, LLC. Pursuant to the Merger agreement each share of Berry Common Stock was exchanged for 1.68 shares of LinnCo common shares.

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