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FORM 4

Statement of changes in beneficial ownership of securities

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BERRY PETROLEUM CO

CIK: **778438** | IRS No.: **770079387** | State of Incorporation: **DE** | Fiscal Year End: **1231**
SIC: **1311** Crude petroleum & natural gas

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person Ayers William B			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol BERRY PETROLEUM CO [BRY]			5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below) VP of Human Resources		
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 01/08/2013					
C/O BERRY PETROLEUM COMPANY, 1999 BROADWAY, SUITE 3700			4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)			6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check applicable line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form Filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form Filed by More than 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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Class A Common Stock	01/08/2013		<u>M</u>		12,333 ⁽¹⁾	A	\$35.535	17,400	D	
Class A Common Stock	01/09/2013		<u>S</u>		560 ⁽³⁾	D	\$35.2182	16,840	D	
Class A Common Stock	01/09/2013		<u>S</u>		126 ⁽³⁾	D	\$35.22	16,714	D	
Class A Common Stock	01/09/2013		<u>S</u>		26 ⁽³⁾	D	\$35.23	16,688	D	
Class A Common Stock	01/09/2013		<u>S</u>		700 ⁽³⁾	D	\$35.26	15,988	D	
Class A Common Stock	01/09/2013		<u>S</u>		100 ⁽³⁾	D	\$35.27	15,888	D	
Class A Common Stock	01/09/2013		<u>S</u>		400 ⁽³⁾	D	\$35.3	15,488	D	
Class A Common Stock	01/09/2013		<u>S</u>		400 ⁽³⁾	D	\$32.32	15,088	D	
Class A Common Stock	01/09/2013		<u>S</u>		300 ⁽³⁾	D	\$35.33	14,788	D	
Class A Common Stock	01/09/2013		<u>S</u>		300 ⁽³⁾	D	\$35.35	14,488	D	
Class A Common Stock	01/09/2013		<u>S</u>		300 ⁽³⁾	D	\$35.37	14,188	D	
Class A Common Stock	01/09/2013		<u>S</u>		400 ⁽³⁾	D	\$35.38	13,788	D	
Class A Common Stock	01/09/2013		<u>S</u>		100 ⁽³⁾	D	\$35.4	13,688	D	

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	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying	8. Price of Derivative	9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially	10. Ownership Form of Derivative	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial
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	Derivative Security		any (Month/Day/Year)			Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)				Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		Security (Instr. 5)	Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				
Non-Statutory Stock Option 5-18-06	\$31.615							05/18/2007	05/17/2016	Class A Common Stock	10,000		10,000	D	
Nonstatutory Stock Option 12-15-06	\$32.565							12/15/2007	12/14/2016	Class A Common Stock	5,000		5,000	D	
NSO 2007	\$43.61							12/14/2008	12/13/2017	Class A Common Stock	6,880		6,880	D	
2009 Restricted Stock Units	\$ 0							12/11/2010	12/11/2019	Class A Common Stock	7,091		7,091	D	
Perf Based RSUs 3-16-10	\$ 0							12/31/2012	12/31/2012	Class A Common Stock	3,004		3,004	D	
March 2011 Employee RSU Grant	\$ 0							03/02/2012	03/02/2021	Class A Common Stock	3,093		3,093	D	
Non-Statutory Stock Option 3-2-2011 - \$48.50	\$48.5							03/02/2014	03/02/2021	Class A Common Stock	2,367		2,367	D	
2008 Restricted Stock Units	\$ 0	01/08/2013		<u>M</u>			12,333 ⁽²⁾	12/12/2009	12/11/2018	Class A Common Stock	12,333	\$35.535	0	D	

Explanation of Responses:

1. Issuance of shares from previous RSU grant based on meeting terms and timing of deferral election.
2. Issuance of 100% of RSU shares pursuant to a Rule 16b-3 Plan per deferral election in place at date of grant .
3. Shares sold to cover tax liability of issuance of deferred RSU shares.

Signatures

Kenneth A. Olson under POA for W. B. Ayers

** Signature of Reporting Person

01/09/2013

Date

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