

BUSH WILLIAM E JR  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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)  
**03/02/2012**

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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |         |   |  |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|---------|---|--|
| Class A Common Stock            |                                      |  |                                | (A) or (D)  |   |  | As Custodian for minor grandchildren                  |         |   |  |
| Class A Common Stock            | 03/02/2012                           |  | M                              | V   | 2,231<br>(5)  | A  | \$ 53.795   | 175,759 | 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 Underlying (Instr. 3 and 4) |                      |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|--|----------------------|
|  |  |                                      |  | Code                           | V (A) (D)   | Date Exercisable   | Expiration Date                          | Title                |
| Nonstatutory Stock Option 12-15-06             | \$ 32.565  |                                      |  |                                |   | 12/15/2006   | 12/14/2016                               | Class A Common Stock |
| 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 |
| NSO 2007                                       | \$ 43.61   |                                      |  |                                |   | 12/14/2007   | 12/13/2017                               | Class A Common Stock |
| Phantom Stock Units                            | \$ 0   |                                      |  |                                |   | 08/08/1988   | 08/08/1988                               | Class A Common Stock |
| March 2011 Director RSU                        | \$ 0   |                                      |  |                                |   | 03/02/2011   | 03/02/2021                               | Class A Common Stock |
| March 2 2012 Director RSU Grant <sup>(1)</sup> | \$ 0 <sup>(2)</sup>                                    | 03/02/2012                           |  | A                              | 2,231 <sup>(4)</sup>  | 03/02/2012 <sup>(4)</sup>                                | 03/02/2022                               | Class A Common Stock |
| March 2 2012 Director RSU Grant <sup>(1)</sup> | \$ 0   | 03/02/2012                           |  | M <sup>(5)</sup>               | 2,231 <sup>(5)</sup>  | 03/02/2012   | 03/02/2022                               | Class A Common Stock |

## Reporting Owners

### Reporting Owner Name / Address

### Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

BUSH WILLIAM E JR  
C/O BERRY PETROLEUM COMPANY  
1999 BROADWAY, SUITE 3700

DENVER, CO 80202

## Signatures

Kenneth A Olson under POA for William  
Bush

03/02/2012

    \*\*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.
- (4) Grant of Restricted Stock Unit (RSU) under the Company's 2005 Equity Incentive Plan in a transaction exempt under Rule 16b-3(c). RSUs are 100% vested on date of grant.
- (5) Vested shares issued pursuant to Rule 16b-3 plan.

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