

BUSCH RALPH B III  
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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 \*  
**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)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
 (Month/Day/Year)  
 01/09/2013

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

**C/O BERRY PETROLEUM COMPANY, 1999 BROADWAY, SUITE 3700**

(Street)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D) Code V Amount (D) Price			
Class A Common Stock					70,000	I	As Co-Trustee of Charitable Trust
Class A Common Stock					123,500	I	As Co-Trustee of Union Bank Trust Shares
					6,500	I	

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Class A Common Stock									Busch Family Foundation
Class A Common Stock						29,425		I	As Custodian for Minor Children
Class A Common Stock	01/09/2013		M	264 <sup>(5)</sup>	A	\$ 35,645	218,911	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 Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	Amount or Number of Shares	
Nonstatutory Stock Options 12-2-03	\$ 9.61					Date Exercisable 12/02/2003	Expiration Date 12/02/2013	Class A Common Stock	10
Nonstatutory Stock Options 12-2-04	\$ 21.77					12/02/2004	12/02/2014	Class A Common Stock	10
Nonstatutory Stock Option 12-15-05	\$ 30.645					12/15/2005	12/15/2015	Class A Common Stock	10
Phantom Stock Units <u>(1)</u>	\$ 0 <sup>(1)</sup>					08/08/1988 <sup>(2)</sup>	08/08/1988 <sup>(2)</sup>	Class A Common Stock	47
	\$ 32.565					12/15/2006	12/14/2016		10

Nonstatutory Stock Option 12-15-06									Class A Common Stock
NSO 2007	\$ 43.61					12/14/2007	12/13/2017		Class A Common Stock
March 2011 Director RSU (1)	\$ 0 (3)					03/02/2011(4)	03/02/2021		Class A Common Stock
March 2 2012 Director RSU Grant	\$ 0					03/02/2012	03/02/2022		Class A Common Stock
2007 Restricted Stock Unit	\$ 0	01/09/2013		M	264 (6)	01/01/2008	12/13/2017		Class A Common Stock

## 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

01/11/2013

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

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

\*\* 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) Vested shares issued pursuant to Rule 16b-3 plan.

(6) Issuance of 20% of RSU shares pursuant to a Rule 16b-3 Plan per deferral election in place at date of grant.

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