

BUSCH RALPH B III  
Form 4  
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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)  
C/O BERRY PETROLEUM COMPANY, 1999 BROADWAY, SUITE 3700

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
01/23/2013

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

(Street)  
DENVER, CO 80202

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

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

(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)
			Code	V	Amount	(D)	Price
Class A Common Stock					218,911	D	
Class A Common Stock					123,500	I	As Co-Trustee of Union Bank Trust Shares
Class A Common Stock					29,425	I	As Custodian for Minor

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Class A Common Stock	01/23/2013	J <sup>(5)</sup>	V	70,000	A	\$ 0	76,500	I	Children Busch Family Foundation
Class A Common Stock	01/23/2013	J <sup>(6)</sup>	V	70,000	D	\$ 0	0	I	As Co-Trustee of Charitable Trust

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	10,000
Nonstatutory Stock Options 12-2-04	\$ 21.77					Date Exercisable 12/02/2004 Expiration Date 12/02/2014	Class A Common Stock	10,000
Nonstatutory Stock Option 12-15-05	\$ 30.645					Date Exercisable 12/15/2005 Expiration Date 12/15/2015	Class A Common Stock	10,000
Phantom Stock Units <u>(1)</u>	\$ 0 <u>(1)</u>					Date Exercisable 08/08/1988 <sup>(2)</sup> Expiration Date 08/08/1988 <sup>(2)</sup>	Class A Common Stock	47,100
	\$ 32.565					Date Exercisable 12/15/2006 Expiration Date 12/14/2016		10,000

Nonstatutory Stock Option 12-15-06				Class A Common Stock	
2007 Restricted Stock Unit <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 0 <sup>(3)</sup>	01/01/2008 <sup>(4)</sup>	12/13/2017	Class A Common Stock	79
NSO 2007	\$ 43.61	12/14/2007	12/13/2017	Class A Common Stock	3,9
March 2011 Director RSU <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 0 <sup>(3)</sup>	03/02/2011 <sup>(4)</sup>	03/02/2021	Class A Common Stock	2,4
March 2 2012 Director RSU Grant	\$ 0	03/02/2012	03/02/2022	Class A Common Stock	2,2

## Reporting Owners

### Reporting Owner Name / Address

### Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

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DENVER, CO 80202

## Signatures

Kenneth A Olson under POA for Ralph  
Busch

01/23/2013

<sup>\*\*</sup>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) To report the transfer of shares from the Charitable Remainder Trust to the Busch Family Foundation. Both indirect holdings of filer.
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### Remarks:

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This Form 4 is being filed to report the transfer of 70,000 shares for Mr. Busch from the Charitable Remainder Trust to the Bu

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