

Ciotti George W
Form 4
December 13, 2011

FORM 4

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

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1(b).

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

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
Ciotti George W

(Last) (First) (Middle)

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)

12/11/2011

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)

VP of Corp Development

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

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)	Price		Held in 401(k) account
Class A Common Stock	12/11/2011	12/12/2011	M	1,866 (1)	A \$ 40.09 7,127	I	
Class A Common Stock	12/12/2011		M	1,625 (1)	A \$ 39.3 8,752	D	
Class A Common	12/13/2011		S	500 (2)	D \$ 40.0146 8,252	D	

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Stock

Class A

Common 12/13/2011 S 586 ⁽²⁾ D \$ 39.22 7,666 D
Stock

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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)	
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Perf Based RSUs 3-16-10	\$ 0					12/31/2012	12/31/2012	Class A Common Stock	5,6
March 2011 Employee RSU Grant	\$ 0					03/02/2012	03/02/2021	Class A Common Stock	4,0
Non-Statutory Stock Option 3-3-2011 - \$48.50	\$ 48.5					03/02/2012	03/02/2021	Class A Common Stock	4,6
Perf Based RSU 3-2-2011	\$ 0					12/31/2013	03/02/2021	Class A Common Stock	3,5
2009 Restricted Stock Units	\$ 0	12/11/2011	12/12/2011	M	1,866 (1)	12/11/2010	12/11/2019	Class A Common Stock	5,5
2008 Restricted Stock Units	\$ 0	12/12/2011		M	1,625 (1)	12/11/2009	12/11/2018	Class A Common Stock	3,2

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Ciotti George W 1999 BROADWAY, SUITE 3700 DENVER, CO 80202			VP of Corp Development	

Signatures

Kenneth A. Olson Under POA for George W.
Ciotti

12/13/2011

__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) Vested shares issued pursuant to Rule 16b-3 plan.
- (2) Shares sold to cover tax liability on RSU shares vested.

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