Hadden Stephen J Form 4 March 02, 2012

FORM 4

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

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

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(Print or Type Responses)

(Last)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Hadden Stephen J

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

BERRY PETROLEUM CO [BRY]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Check all applicable)

(First) 1999 BROADWAY, SUITE 3700

(Street)

(Month/Day/Year)

03/02/2012

Director 10% Owner Other (specify Officer (give title

below)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

(Instr. 8)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

Applicable Line) _X_ 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 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if

(Month/Day/Year)

(Middle)

4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial

(Instr. 4)

Ownership (Instr. 4)

(A) or

(Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

Reported Transaction(s)

Following

(Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price

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 Conversion Security or Exercise (Instr. 3) Price of

3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year)

Execution Date, if (Month/Day/Year)

5. Number 4. Transaction of Derivative Code Securities (Instr. 8) Acquired

6. Date Exercisable and **Expiration Date** (Month/Day/Year)

7. Title and Amount of **Underlying Securities** (Instr. 3 and 4)

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	Derivative Security			(A) or Dispose (D) (Instr. 3 and 5)						
			Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
March 2011 Director RSU (1)	\$ 0 (<u>2)</u>						03/03/2012(3)	03/02/2021	Class A Common Stock	2,499
March 2 2012 Director RSU Grant (1)	\$ 0 (2)	03/02/2012	A		2,264 (4)		03/02/2012(4)	03/02/2022	Class A Common Stock	2,264

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Hadden Stephen J 1999 BROADWAY, SUITE 3700 DENVER, CO 80202

Signatures

Kenneth A Olson under POA for Stephen Hadden

**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.

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(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 one year from date of grant but are subject to an individual deferral election on behalf of the Director.

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