

Wheat Jamie L
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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
Wheat Jamie L

(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)

12/31/2012

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)
Controller

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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V Amount (D) Price			
Class A Common Stock					2,932	D	
Class A Common Stock	12/31/2012		J	V 2 ⁽³⁾ A \$ 0 402		I	Held in 401(k) Account

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 of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)		
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
2009 Restricted Stock Units ⁽¹⁾	\$ 0					12/11/2010 ⁽²⁾	12/11/2019	Class A Common Stock	467
March 2011 Employee RSU Grant	\$ 0					03/02/2012	03/02/2021	Class A Common Stock	1,39
Non-Statutory Stock Option 3-2-2011 - \$48.50	\$ 48.5					03/02/2012	03/02/2021	Class A Common Stock	1,42
March 2, 2012 Employee RSU Grant	\$ 0					03/02/2013	03/02/2022	Class A Common Stock	2,12
Non Statutory Stock Option 3-2-12	\$ 53.02					03/02/2013	03/02/2022	Class A Common Stock	1,67

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Wheat Jamie L 1999 BROADWAY, SUITE 3700 DENVER, CO 80202			Controller	

Signatures

Kenneth A. Olson Under POA for Jamie L.
Wheat

01/02/2013

__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) Restricted Stock Units vest 25% per year from date of grant.

(3) Shares of Common Stock acquired by the reporting person in the Company's 401(k) Plan. All transactions were at market and were non-discretionary.

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