

CROPPER STEVE  
Form 4  
January 02, 2013

**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 \*  
**CROPPER STEVE**

(Last) (First) (Middle)

**C/O BERRY PETROLEUM  
COMPANY, 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)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check  
Applicable Line)  
\_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person  
\_\_\_\_ Form filed by More than One Reporting  
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)
				(A) or (D)			
				Code V Amount (D) Price			
Class A Common Stock					15,000	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)**

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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
Nonstatutory Stock Options 12-2-04	\$ 21.77					12/02/2004 12/02/2014	Class A Common Stock 10,000
Nonstatutory Stock Option 12-15-05	\$ 30.645					12/15/2005 12/15/2015	Class A Common Stock 10,000
Nonstatutory Stock Option 12-15-06	\$ 32.565					12/15/2006 12/14/2016	Class A Common Stock 10,000
2007 Restricted Stock Unit <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 0 <sup>(2)</sup>					01/01/2008 <sup>(3)</sup> 12/13/2017	Class A Common Stock 1,319
NSO 2007	\$ 43.61					12/14/2007 12/13/2017	Class A Common Stock 3,956
March 2011 Director RSU <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 0 <sup>(2)</sup>					03/02/2011 <sup>(3)</sup> 03/02/2021	Class A Common Stock 2,499
March 2 2012 Director RSU Grant	\$ 0					03/02/2012 03/02/2022	Class A Common Stock 2,231
Phantom Stock Units	\$ 0	12/31/2012		A	20 <sup>(4)</sup>	08/08/1988 08/08/1988	Class A Common Stock 3,633

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

CROPPER STEVE  
C/O BERRY PETROLEUM COMPANY  
1999 BROADWAY, SUITE 3700  
DENVER, CO 80202

## Signatures

Kenneth A Olson under POA for Stephen  
Cropper

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) 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.
- (4) 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.

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