

BERRY PETROLEUM CO

Form 4

December 20, 2013

**FORM 4****UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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*See Instruction*  
1(b).

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

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
**BUSCH RALPH B III**

(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)  
**12/16/2013**

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)
			Code	V	Amount (A) or (D)	Price	
Class A Common Stock	12/16/2013		D		236,239 <u>(2)</u>	D \$ 0 0	D
Class A Common Stock	12/16/2013		D		123,363 <u>(2)</u>	D \$ 0 0	I
Class A Common Stock	12/16/2013		D		75,250 <u>(2)</u>	D \$ 0 0	I
							As Co-Trustee of Union Bank Trust Shares
							Busch Family Foundation

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Class A Common Stock	12/16/2013	D	28,208 (2)	D	\$ 0 0	I	As Custodian for Minor Children
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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 An Underlying Sec (Instr. 3 and 4)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title
RSU 12-16-2013	\$ 0	12/16/2013		M	2,479 (1)	12/16/2013 12/31/2013	Class A Common Stock
2007 Restricted Stock Unit	\$ 0	12/16/2013		D	792 (3)	01/01/2008 12/13/2017	Class A Common Stock
March 2 2012 Director RSU Grant	\$ 0	12/16/2013		D	2,231 (4)	03/02/2012 03/02/2022	Class A Common Stock
March 2011 Director RSU	\$ 0	12/16/2013		D	2,499 (4)	03/02/2011 03/02/2021	Class A Common Stock
March 4, 2013 Director RSU Grant	\$ 0	12/16/2013		D	2,629 (4)	03/04/2013 03/04/2023	Class A Common Stock
Nonstatutory Stock Option 12-15-05	\$ 30.645	12/16/2013		D	10,000 (5)	12/15/2005 12/15/2015	Class A Common Stock
Nonstatutory Stock Option 12-15-06	\$ 32.565	12/16/2013		D	10,000 (5)	12/15/2006 12/14/2016	Class A Common Stock

Nonstatutory Stock Options 12-2-04	\$ 21.77	12/16/2013	D	10,000 (5)	12/02/2004	12/02/2014	Class A Common Stock
NSO 2007	\$ 43.61	12/16/2013	D	3,956 (5)	12/14/2007	12/13/2017	Class A Common Stock
Phantom Stock Units	\$ 0	12/16/2013	D	48,768 (6)	08/08/1988	08/08/1988	Class A Common Stock
RSU 12-16-2013	\$ 0	12/16/2013	D	2,479 (4)	12/16/2013	12/31/2013	Class A Common Stock

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
BUSCH RALPH B III C/O BERRY PETROLEUM COMPANY 1999 BROADWAY, SUITE 3700 DENVER, CO 80202				

## Signatures

Kenneth A Olson under POA for Ralph Busch 12/20/2013

\_\_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) RSU Grant awarded to Board of Directors at completion of Merger pursuant to Board action as disclosed in the Merger Proxy materials.

Disposed of pursuant to the merger (the "Merger") of Berry Petroleum Company ("Berry") with LinnCo ("Linn") in a stock-for-stock merger. After the transaction Berry will be an indirect wholly owned subsidiary of Linn. Pursuant to the Merger agreement each share of Berry Common Stock will be exchanged for 1.68 shares of LinnCo common shares.

(3) Disposed of pursuant to the merger (the "Merger") of Berry Petroleum Company ("Berry") with LinnCo, LLC ("LinnCo") in a stock-for-stock merger, which was completed on December 16, 2013. Following the transaction Berry is an indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of Linn Energy, LLC. Pursuant to the Merger agreement each RSU was exchanged for 1.68 shares of LinnCo common shares.

(4) Disposed of pursuant to the merger (the "Merger") of Berry Petroleum Company ("Berry") with LinnCo ("Linn") in a stock-for-stock merger. Pursuant to the Merger agreement each RSU will be exchanged for 1.68 shares of LinnCo common shares.

(5) Disposed of pursuant to the merger (the "Merger") of Berry Petroleum Company ("Berry") with LinnCo ("Linn") in a stock-for-stock merger. Pursuant to the Merger agreement each option to purchase Berry shares will be exchanged for 1.682115 options to purchase LINN Units on the same terms and conditions as were applicable to Berry shares prior to the Merger.

(6) Disposed of pursuant to terms of Merger Agreement and Proxy Materials in exchange for 1.68 shares of LinnCo Common stock.

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