

CROPPER STEVE  
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**FORM 4**

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

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
CROPPER STEVE

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
BERRY PETROLEUM CO [BRY]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
03/09/2012

\_\_\_\_ Director  
\_\_\_\_ Officer (give title below)  
\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)

C/O BERRY PETROLEUM COMPANY, 1999 BROADWAY, SUITE 3700

(Street)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 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 (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				(A) or (D)	Price
Class A Common Stock	03/09/2012		M			5,000	A	\$ 8.07	10,000	D	
Class A Common Stock	03/09/2012		M			2,200	A	\$ 9.61	12,200	D	
Class A Common Stock	03/09/2012		S			2,200	D	\$ 53.6415	10,000	D	
Class A Common Stock	03/09/2012		S			5,000	D	\$	5,000	D	

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Common Stock						53.6415	
Class A Common Stock	03/13/2012		M	7,800	A	\$ 9.61	12,800 D
Class A Common Stock	03/13/2012		M	5,000	A	\$ 8.07	17,800 D
Class A Common Stock	03/13/2012		S	2,800	D	\$ 51.2817	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)

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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	Am or Nur of S	
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	
Nonstatutory Stock Options 12-2-04	\$ 21.77					12/02/2004	12/02/2014	Class A Common Stock	10,
Nonstatutory Stock Option 12-15-05	\$ 30.645					12/15/2005	12/15/2015	Class A Common Stock	10,
Nonstatutory Stock Option 12-15-06	\$ 32.565					12/15/2006	12/14/2016	Class A Common Stock	10,
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,
NSO 2007	\$ 43.61					12/14/2007	12/13/2017		3,

Phantom Stock Units	\$ 0					08/08/1988	08/08/1988	Class A Common Stock	3,		
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,		
March 2 2012 Director RSU Grant	\$ 0					03/02/2012	03/02/2022	Class A Common Stock	2,		
Nonstatutory Stock Options 12-2-03	\$ 9.61	03/09/2012	M	2,200		12/02/2003	12/02/2013	Class A Common Stock	2,		
Nonstatutory Stock Options 12-2-02	\$ 8.07	03/09/2012	M	5,000		12/02/2002	12/02/2012	Class A Common Stock	5,		
Nonstatutory Stock Options 12-2-03	\$ 9.61	03/13/2012	M	7,800		12/02/2003	12/02/2013	Class A Common Stock	7,		
Nonstatutory Stock Options 12-2-02	\$ 8.07	03/13/2012	M	5,000		12/02/2002	12/02/2012	Class A Common Stock	5,		

## 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	03/13/2012
<small>**Signature of Reporting Person</small>	<small>Date</small>

## 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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