

Wheat Jamie L

Form 4

December 13, 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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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)

12/12/2008

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 ____ Other (specify
below) below)

Controller

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
X Form filed by One Reporting Person
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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)
Class A Common Stock					400	I	Held in 401(k) Account
Class A Common Stock	12/12/2008		M	375 ⁽¹⁾ A	\$ 33.65 2,732	D	
Class A Common Stock	12/11/2009		M	467 ⁽¹⁾ A	\$ 33.535 3,199	D	
Class A Common	12/12/2012		S	147 ⁽²⁾ D	\$ 33.628 3,052	D	

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Stock

Class A

Common 12/13/2012 S 120 ⁽²⁾ D \$ 33.23 2,932 D
Stock

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
March 2011 Employee RSU Grant	\$ 0					03/02/2012	03/02/2021	Class A Common Stock	1,392
Non-Statutory Stock Option 3-2-2011 - \$48.50	\$ 48.5					03/02/2012	03/02/2021	Class A Common Stock	1,420
March 2, 2012 Employee RSU Grant	\$ 0					03/02/2013	03/02/2022	Class A Common Stock	2,122
Non Statutory Stock Option 3-2-12	\$ 53.02					03/02/2013	03/02/2022	Class A Common Stock	1,670
2008 Restricted Stock Units	\$ 0	12/12/2008		M	<u>375</u> ⁽¹⁾	12/11/2009	12/11/2018	Class A Common Stock	375
2009 Restricted Stock Units	\$ 0	12/11/2009		M	<u>467</u> ⁽¹⁾	12/11/2010	12/11/2019	Class A Common Stock	934

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 12/13/2012

__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) Vested shares issued pursuant to Rule 16b-3 plan.
- (2) Shares sold to cover taxes on RSU vesting under Rule 16b-3 Plan.

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