

Ciotti George W
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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 *
Ciotti George W

(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)
12/11/2011

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)

VP of Corp Development

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	(D)	Price
Class A Common Stock					2,403	I	Held in 401(k) account
Class A Common Stock	12/11/2011	12/12/2011	M		<u>1,866</u> ⁽¹⁾	A	\$ 40.09 7,127
Class A Common Stock	12/12/2011		M		<u>1,625</u> ⁽¹⁾	A	\$ 39.3 8,752
Class A Common	12/13/2011		S		500 ⁽²⁾	D	\$ 40.0146 8,252

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Stock

Class A

Common 12/13/2011 S 586 ⁽²⁾ D \$ 39.22 7,666 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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	Amount or Number of Shares	
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	
Perf Based RSUs 3-16-10	\$ 0					12/31/2012	12/31/2012	Class A Common Stock	5,6
March 2011 Employee RSU Grant	\$ 0					03/02/2012	03/02/2021	Class A Common Stock	4,0
Non-Statutory Stock Option 3-3-2011 - \$48.50	\$ 48.5					03/02/2012	03/02/2021	Class A Common Stock	4,6
Perf Based RSU 3-2-2011	\$ 0					12/31/2013	03/02/2021	Class A Common Stock	3,5
2009 Restricted Stock Units	\$ 0	12/11/2011	12/12/2011	M	1,866 ⁽¹⁾	12/11/2010	12/11/2019	Class A Common Stock	5,5
2008 Restricted Stock Units	\$ 0	12/12/2011		M	1,625 ⁽¹⁾	12/11/2009	12/11/2018	Class A Common Stock	3,2

