

BERRY PETROLEUM CO
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
HEINEMANN ROBERT

(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)
President and CEO

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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 or (D) Price		
Class A Common Stock	12/16/2013		D		306,053 (3) \$ 0 0	D	
Class A Common Stock	12/16/2013		D		15,417 (3) \$ 0 0	I	Held in 401(k) Plan

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)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title
Phantom Stock Units	\$ 0	12/16/2013		A	<u>5</u> ⁽¹⁾	08/08/1988	08/08/1988	Class A Common Stock
Perf Based RSU 3-2-2011	\$ 0	12/16/2013		M	<u>10,825</u> ⁽²⁾	12/31/2013	03/02/2021	Class A Common Stock
Perf Based RSUs 3-2-12	\$ 0	12/16/2013		M	<u>9,902</u> ⁽²⁾	12/31/2014	03/02/2022	Class A Common Stock
2007 Restricted Stock Unit	\$ 0	12/16/2013		D	<u>17,886</u> ⁽⁴⁾	12/14/2008	12/13/2017	Class A Common Stock
2008 Restricted Stock Units	\$ 0	12/16/2013		D	<u>138,667</u> ⁽⁴⁾	12/12/2009	12/11/2018	Class A Common Stock
2009 Restricted Stock Units	\$ 0	12/16/2013		D	<u>97,034</u> ⁽⁴⁾	12/11/2010	12/11/2019	Class A Common Stock
March 2, 2012 Employee RSU Grant	\$ 0	12/16/2013		D	<u>19,805</u> ⁽⁴⁾	03/02/2013	03/02/2022	Class A Common Stock
March 2011 Employee RSU Grant	\$ 0	12/16/2013		D	<u>14,433</u> ⁽⁴⁾	03/02/2012	03/02/2021	Class A Common Stock
March 4, 2013 Employee RSU Grant	\$ 0	12/16/2013		D	<u>60,804</u> ⁽⁴⁾	03/04/2014	03/04/2023	Class A Common Stock
Non Statutory Stock Option 3-2-12	\$ 53.02	12/16/2013		D	<u>31,167</u> ⁽⁵⁾	03/02/2013	03/02/2022	Class A Common Stock
Non-Statutory Stock Option	\$ 48.5	12/16/2013		D	<u>33,129</u> ⁽⁵⁾	03/02/2012	03/02/2021	Class A Common

3-2-2011 -
\$48.50

Stock

Nonstatutory Stock Option 11-23-04	\$ 21.58	12/16/2013	D	100,000	11/23/2005	11/23/2014	Class A Common Stock	1
Nonstatutory Stock Option 12-15-05	\$ 30.645	12/16/2013	D	150,000 (5)	12/15/2006	12/15/2015	Class A Common Stock	1
Nonstatutory Stock Option 12-15-06	\$ 32.565	12/16/2013	D	175,000 (5)	12/15/2007	12/14/2016	Class A Common Stock	1
NSO 2007	\$ 43.61	12/16/2013	D	89,470 (5)	12/14/2008	12/13/2017	Class A Common Stock	8
Perf Based RSU 3-2-2011	\$ 0	12/16/2013	D	14,432 (6)	12/31/2013	03/02/2021	Class A Common Stock	2
Perf Based RSUs 3-2-12	\$ 0	12/16/2013	D	13,202 (6)	12/31/2014	03/02/2022	Class A Common Stock	2
Phantom Stock Units	\$ 0	12/16/2013	D	3,246 (7)	08/08/1988	08/08/1988	Class A Common Stock	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
HEINEMANN ROBERT C/O BERRY PETROLEUM COMPANY 1999 BROADWAY, SUITE 3700 DENVER, CO 80202			President and CEO	

Signatures

Kenneth A Olson under POA for Robert
Heinemann

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) 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.
- (2) Performance Shares in excess of Target cancelled under the terms of Merger Agreement with Linn Energy at close.

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- (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 share of Berry Common Stock was exchanged for 1.68 shares of LinnCo common shares.
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