

Hadden Stephen J
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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 *
 Hadden Stephen J

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)
 1999 BROADWAY, SUITE 3700
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 03/30/2012

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

DENVER, CO 80202
 (City) (State) (Zip)

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

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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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Code V Amount (D) Price		

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	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)
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Derivative Security		Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		Code	V	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
		(A)	(D)						
March 2011 Director RSU ⁽¹⁾	\$ 0 ⁽²⁾					03/03/2012 ⁽³⁾	03/02/2021	Class A Common Stock	2,499
March 2 2012 Director RSU Grant	\$ 0					03/02/2012	03/02/2022	Class A Common Stock	2,231
Phantom Stock Units ⁽¹⁾	\$ 0		03/30/2012	A		08/08/1988 ⁽⁴⁾	08/08/1988	Class A Common Stock	8

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Hadden Stephen J 1999 BROADWAY, SUITE 3700 DENVER, CO 80202				

Signatures

Kenneth A Olson under POA for Stephen Hadden 04/02/2012

**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) 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.
- (4) 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.

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