

Matson John R
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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * | | 2. Date of Event Requiring Statement | 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol | |
| Â Matson John R | | (Month/Day/Year) | BERRY PETROLEUM CO [BRY] | |
| (Last) | (First) | (Middle) | 05/17/2012 | |
| 1999 BROADWAY, SUITE 3700 | | | 4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer | 5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year) |
| (Street) | | | (Check all applicable) | |
| DENVER,Â COÂ 80202 | | | <input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) |
| (City) | (State) | (Zip) | <input type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person |
| | | | (give title below) (specify below) | <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person |
| | | | Vice President | |

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

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|---------------------------------|---|--|---|
| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 4) | 2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4) | 3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) | 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5) |
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Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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|--|--|---|--|--|---|
| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4) | 2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4) | 4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) | 6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5) |
| | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | |

(Instr. 5)

| | | | | | | | |
|---|---------------------------|------------|----------------------------|-------|------|---|---|
| March 2, 2012 Employee RSU Grant <u>(1)</u> | 03/02/2013 | 03/02/2022 | Class A Common Stock | 5,187 | \$ 0 | D | Â |
| RSU 7-1-2011 <u>(1)</u> | 07/01/2014 ⁽²⁾ | 07/01/2021 | Class A Common Stock | 5,092 | \$ 0 | D | Â |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Matson John R 1999 BROADWAY, SUITE 3700 DENVER, CO 80202 | Â | Â | Â Vice President | Â |

Signatures

Kenneth A Olson under POA for John R
Matson

05/17/2012

 Signature of Reporting Person

 Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(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) Restricted Stock Units vest 100% three years from date of grant. Shares of Class A Common Stock will be delivered to the reporting person at the time of vesting.

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Remarks:

Power of Attorney Form 3 filing to report holdings for Mr. Matson as of May 17, 2012

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