

HEINEMANN ROBERT

Form 4

March 15, 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 *
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)

03/14/2012

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)
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 Ownership Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Class A Common Stock					13,699	I	Held in 401(k) Plan
Class A Common Stock	03/14/2012		M	26,495 A	\$ 14.375 219,984	D	
Class A Common Stock	03/14/2012		S	3,339 D	\$ 52 216,645	D	

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 Underlying (Instr. 3 and
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title
Nonstatutory Stock Option 11-23-04	\$ 21.58					11/23/2005 11/23/2014	Class A Common Stock
Nonstatutory Stock Option 12-15-05	\$ 30.645					12/15/2006 12/15/2015	Class A Common Stock
Phantom Stock Units ⁽¹⁾	\$ 0					08/08/1988 08/08/1988	Class A Common Stock
Nonstatutory Stock Option 12-15-06	\$ 32.565					12/15/2007 12/14/2016	Class A Common Stock
2007 Restricted Stock Unit ⁽¹⁾	\$ 0 ⁽³⁾					12/14/2008 ⁽⁴⁾ 12/13/2017 ⁽⁵⁾	Class A Common Stock
NSO 2007	\$ 43.61					12/14/2008 12/13/2017	Class A Common Stock
2008 Restricted Stock Units ⁽¹⁾	\$ 0 ⁽³⁾					12/12/2009 ⁽⁴⁾ 12/11/2018 ⁽⁵⁾	Class A Common Stock
2009 Restricted Stock Units	\$ 0					12/11/2010 12/11/2019	Class A Common Stock
Perf Based RSUs 3-16-10 ⁽¹⁾	\$ 0 ⁽⁶⁾					12/31/2012 ⁽⁶⁾ 12/31/2012	Class A Common Stock
	\$ 0					03/02/2012 03/02/2021	

March 2011 Employee RSU Grant								Class A Common Stock
Non-Statutory Stock Option 3-2-2011 - \$48.50	\$ 48.5				03/02/2012	03/02/2021		Class A Common Stock
Perf Based RSU 3-2-2011	\$ 0				12/31/2013	03/02/2021		Class A Common Stock
Perf Based RSUs 3-2-12	\$ 0				12/31/2014	03/02/2022		Class A Common Stock
March 2, 2012 Employee RSU Grant	\$ 0				03/02/2013	03/02/2022		Class A Common Stock
Non Statutory Stock Option 3-2-12	\$ 53.02				03/02/2013	03/02/2022		Class A Common Stock
Nonstatutory Stock Option 6-16-04	\$ 14.375	03/14/2012	M	26,495	06/16/2005	06/16/2014		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

03/15/2012

____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) 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.
- (3) Each RSU represents a contingent right to receive one share of Berry Petroleum Company Class A Common Stock

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- (4) The RSU granted vest 25% per year beginning one year after grant but the receipt of shares are subject to a deferral period which is generally at least four years from grant date as per the deferral election.
- (5) 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.
- (6) Each RSU represents a contingent right to receive one share of Berry Petroleum Company Class A Common Stock if certain pre-established performance factors, as set forth in the Company's Form 8-K dated March 18, 2010, are met.
- (7) Per the Agreement this is the maximum number of performance based RSUs that may be received if all performance factors are achieved as outlined in the Form 8-K dated March 18, 2010.

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