

Keller John Frank
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FORM 4

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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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 *
 Keller John Frank

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)
 C/O BERRY PETROLEUM COMPANY, 1999 BROADWAY, SUITE 3700
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 03/02/2012

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

DENVER, CO 80202

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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(City) (State) (Zip)

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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| | | | | (A) or (D) | Amount (D) Price | | |
| Class A Common Stock | | | | | 2,519 | 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)

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| 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) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|
| Nonstatutory Stock Option 38.0025 | \$ 38.0025 | | | | | 02/02/2006 - 02/01/2016 | Class A Common Stock 10 |
| Nonstatutory Stock Option 12-15-06 | \$ 32.565 | | | | | 12/15/2006 - 12/14/2016 | Class A Common Stock 10 |
| NSO 2007 | \$ 43.61 | | | | | 12/14/2007 - 12/13/2017 | Class A Common Stock 3, |
| Phantom Stock Units | \$ 0 | | | | | 08/08/1988 - 08/08/1988 | Class A Common Stock 23 |
| March 2011 Director RSU ⁽¹⁾ | \$ 0 ⁽²⁾ | | | | | 03/02/2011 ⁽³⁾ - 03/02/2021 | Class A Common Stock 2, |
| March 2 2012 Director RSU Grant ⁽¹⁾ | \$ 0 ⁽²⁾ | 03/02/2012 | | A | 2,264 ⁽⁴⁾ | 03/02/2012 ⁽⁴⁾ - 03/02/2022 | Class A Common Stock 2, |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Keller John Frank C/O BERRY PETROLEUM COMPANY 1999 BROADWAY, SUITE 3700 DENVER, CO 80202 | | | | |

Signatures

Kenneth A Olson under POA for John Keller
 Date: 03/02/2012
 **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).

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(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) Grant of Restricted Stock Unit (RSU) under the Company's 2005 Equity Incentive Plan in a transaction exempt under Rule 16b-3(c). RSUs are 100% vested on date of grant but are subject to an individual deferral election on behalf of the Director.

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