

BERRY PETROLEUM CO
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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 *
Ciotti George W

(Last) (First) (Middle)
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)
VP of Rocky Mtn Prod

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
X Form filed by One Reporting Person
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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	(A) or (D)	Price
Class A Common Stock	12/16/2013		D		14,535 (2)	D	\$ 0 0
Class A Common Stock	12/16/2013		D		6,718 (2)	I	\$ 0 0
							Held in 401(k) account

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)	Amount or Number of Shares
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	
Perf Based RSUs 3-2-12	\$ 0	12/16/2013		D	1,380 ⁽¹⁾	12/31/2014	03/02/2022	Class A Common Stock	3,2
March 2, 2012 Employee RSU Grant	\$ 0	12/16/2013		D	2,759 ⁽³⁾	03/02/2013	03/02/2022	Class A Common Stock	2,7
March 2011 Employee RSU Grant	\$ 0	12/16/2013		D	4,021 ⁽³⁾	03/02/2012	03/02/2021	Class A Common Stock	4,0
March 4, 2013 Employee RSU Grant	\$ 0	12/16/2013		D	8,687 ⁽³⁾	03/04/2014	03/04/2023	Class A Common Stock	8,6
Non Statutory Stock Option 3-2-12	\$ 53.02	12/16/2013		D	4,342 ⁽⁴⁾	03/02/2013	03/02/2022	Class A Common Stock	4,3
Perf Based RSU 3-2-2011	\$ 0	12/16/2013		D	2,010 ⁽⁵⁾	12/31/2013	03/02/2021	Class A Common Stock	3,5
Perf Based RSUs 3-2-12	\$ 0	12/16/2013		D	1,838 ⁽⁵⁾	12/31/2014	03/02/2022	Class A Common Stock	3,2
Non-Statutory Stock Option 3-2-2011 - \$48.50	\$ 48.5	12/16/2013		D	4,615 ⁽⁴⁾	03/02/2012	03/02/2021	Class A Common Stock	4,6
Perf Based RSU 3-2-2011	\$ 0	12/20/2013		D	1,508 ⁽¹⁾	12/31/2013	03/02/2021	Class A Common Stock	3,5

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Ciotti George W 1999 BROADWAY, SUITE 3700 DENVER, CO 80202			VP of Rocky Mtn Prod	

Signatures

Kenneth A. Olson Under POA for George W. Ciotti
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).

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

(2) 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.

(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 RSU was exchanged for 1.68 shares of LinnCo common shares.

(4) 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 option to purchase Berry shares was exchanged for 1.682115 options to purchase LINN Units on the same terms and conditions as were applicable to Berry shares prior to the Merger.

(5) 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 Performance RSU was exchanged at target quantities for 1.68 shares of LinnCo Common stock.

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