

Wheat Jamie L  
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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 \*  
Wheat Jamie L

(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)  
03/02/2012

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)  
Controller

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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Class A Common Stock					336	I	Held in 401(k) Account
Class A Common Stock	03/02/2012		M	464 A	\$ 53.02 2,523	D	
Class A Common Stock	03/05/2012		S	166 (6) D	\$ 53.225 2,357	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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4)
2009 Restricted Stock Units <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 0					12/11/2010 <sup>(2)</sup> 12/11/2019	Class A Common Stock
2008 Restricted Stock Units <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 0					12/11/2009 <sup>(2)</sup> 12/11/2018	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
March 2, 2012 Employee RSU Grant <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 0 <sup>(3)</sup>	03/02/2012		A	2,122 <sup>(4)</sup>	03/02/2013 03/02/2022	Class A Common Stock
Non Statutory Stock Option 3-2-12 <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 53.02	03/02/2012		A	1,670 <sup>(5)</sup>	03/02/2013 03/02/2022	Class A Common Stock
March 2011 Employee RSU Grant <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 0	03/02/2012		M	464	03/02/2012 03/02/2021	Class A Common Stock

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Wheat Jamie L 1999 BROADWAY, SUITE 3700 DENVER, CO 80202			Controller	

## Signatures

Kenneth A. Olson Under POA for Jamie L.  
Wheat

03/06/2012

\_\_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) Restricted Stock Units vest 25% per year from date of grant.
- (3) Each RSU represents a contingent right to receive one share of Berry Petroleum Company Class A Common Stock
- (4) Grant of Restricted Stock Unit (RSU) under the Company's 2010 Equity Incentive Plan in a transaction exempt under Rule 16b-3(c). RSUs vest 25% per year from date of grant.
- (5) Grant of Nonstatutory Stock Option (NSO) under the Company's 2010 Equity Incentive Plan in a transaction exempt under Rule 16b-3(c). Shares vest 25% per year from date of grant.
- (6) Shares sold to cover taxes on RSU vesting under Rule 16b-3 Plan.

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