

Ciotti George W
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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 *
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)
12/31/2012

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)
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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| Class A Common Stock | | | | (A) or (D) Price | 10,094 | D | |
| Class A Common Stock | 12/31/2012 | | J | V 60 ⁽³⁾ A \$ 0 | 5,734 | I | 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 Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | | |
|---|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|----------------------|----------------------------|
| | | | | Code | V (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
| 2009 Restricted Stock Units ⁽¹⁾ | \$ 0 | | | | | 12/11/2010 ⁽²⁾ | 12/11/2019 | Class A Common Stock | 1,86 |
| Perf Based RSUs 3-16-10 | \$ 0 | | | | | 12/31/2012 | 12/31/2012 | Class A Common Stock | 5,63 |
| March 2011 Employee RSU Grant | \$ 0 | | | | | 03/02/2012 | 03/02/2021 | Class A Common Stock | 4,02 |
| Non-Statutory Stock Option 3-2-2011 - \$48.50 | \$ 48.5 | | | | | 03/02/2012 | 03/02/2021 | Class A Common Stock | 4,61 |
| Perf Based RSU 3-2-2011 | \$ 0 | | | | | 12/31/2013 | 03/02/2021 | Class A Common Stock | 3,51 |
| March 2, 2012 Employee RSU Grant | \$ 0 | | | | | 03/02/2013 | 03/02/2022 | Class A Common Stock | 3,67 |
| Non Statutory Stock Option 3-2-12 | \$ 53.02 | | | | | 03/02/2013 | 03/02/2022 | Class A Common Stock | 4,34 |
| Perf Based RSUs 3-2-12 | \$ 0 | | | | | 12/31/2014 | 03/02/2022 | Class A Common Stock | 3,21 |

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Reporting Owners

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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

01/02/2013

__Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).
- ** 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) Shares of Common Stock acquired by the reporting person in the Company's 401(k) Plan. All transactions were at market and were non-discretionary.

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