

BUSCH RALPH B III
Form 4
December 30, 2011

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 *
BUSCH RALPH B III

(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)

12/30/2011

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)

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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Class A Common Stock					140,185	D	
Class A Common Stock					70,000	I	As Co-Trustee of Charitable Trust
Class A Common Stock					123,583	I	As Co-Trustee of Union Bank Trust

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Class A Common Stock	7,250	I	Shares Busch Family Foundation
Class A Common Stock	14,432	I	As Custodian for Minor Children

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 Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4)			
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Nonstatutory Stock Options 12-2-02	\$ 8.07							12/02/2002	12/02/2012	Class A Common Stock	10
Nonstatutory Stock Options 12-2-03	\$ 9.61							12/02/2003	12/02/2013	Class A Common Stock	10
Nonstatutory Stock Options 12-2-04	\$ 21.77							12/02/2004	12/02/2014	Class A Common Stock	10
Nonstatutory Stock Option 12-15-05	\$ 30.645							12/15/2005	12/15/2015	Class A Common Stock	10
Nonstatutory Stock Option	\$ 32.565							12/15/2006	12/14/2016	Class A Common	10

12-15-06								Stock	
2007								Class A	
Restricted	\$ 0				01/01/2008 ⁽²⁾	12/13/2017 ⁽³⁾		Common	1,
Stock Unit ⁽¹⁾								Stock	
NSO 2007	\$ 43.61				12/14/2007	12/13/2017		Class A	3,
								Common	
								Stock	
March 2011	\$ 0				03/02/2011	03/02/2021		Class A	2,
Director RSU								Common	
								Stock	
Phantom	\$ 0	12/30/2011		A	548	08/08/1988	08/08/1988	Class A	44
Stock Units					⁽⁴⁾			Common	
								Stock	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
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Signatures

Kenneth A Olson under POA for Ralph Busch 12/30/2011

____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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(2) The RSU granted is 100% vested at the date of grant but the receipt of shares are subject to a deferral period which is generally at least four years from the grant date as per the deferral election.

(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) 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.

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