

YOUNG MARTIN H JR  
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 \*  
YOUNG MARTIN H JR

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)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
09/28/2012

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

C/O BERRY PETROLEUM COMPANY, 1999 BROADWAY, SUITE 3700

(Street)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
\_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person  
\_\_\_ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

DENVER, CO 80202

(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)<br>Code V Amount (D) Price                             |   |  |                                   |
| Class A Common Stock            |                                      |  |                                |   | 40,000  | 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) | 8. Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|-------------------------------|
| Nonstatutory Stock Option 12-15-05         | \$ 30.645  |                                      |  |                                |   | 12/15/2005 12/15/2015                                    | Class A Common Stock  | 10,000                        |
| Nonstatutory Stock Option 12-15-06         | \$ 32.565  |                                      |  |                                |   | 12/15/2006 12/14/2016                                    | Class A Common Stock  | 10,000                        |
| 2007 Restricted Stock Unit <sup>(1)</sup>  | \$ 0 <sup>(2)</sup>                                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 01/01/2008 <sup>(3)</sup> 12/13/2017                     | Class A Common Stock  | 1,000                         |
| NSO 2007                                   | \$ 43.61   |                                      |  |                                |   | 12/14/2007 12/13/2017                                    | Class A Common Stock  | 3,000                         |
| March 2011 Director RSU <sup>(1)</sup>     | \$ 0 <sup>(2)</sup>                                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 03/02/2011 <sup>(3)</sup> 03/02/2021                     | Class A Common Stock  | 2,000                         |
| March 2 2012 Director RSU Grant            | \$ 0   |                                      |  |                                |   | 03/02/2012 03/02/2022                                    | Class A Common Stock  | 2,000                         |
| Phantom Stock Units                        | \$ 0   | 09/28/2012                           |  | A                              | 1,289 <sup>(4)</sup>  | 08/08/1988 08/08/1988                                    | Class A Common Stock  | 90,000                        |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address  | Relationships |           |         |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| YOUNG MARTIN H JR<br>C/O BERRY PETROLEUM COMPANY<br>1999 BROADWAY, SUITE 3700<br>DENVER, CO 80202 |               |           |         |       |

## Signatures

Kenneth A Olson under POA for Martin  
Young

09/28/2012

\_\_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) 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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