

BUSCH RALPH B III  
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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 \*  
BUSCH RALPH B III

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)  
03/04/2013

\_\_\_\_ 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 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)
				(A) or (D) Code V Amount (D) Price			
Class A Common Stock					218,911	D	
Class A Common Stock					123,500	I	As Co-Trustee of Union Bank Trust Shares
Class A Common Stock					76,500	I	Busch Family Foundation

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Class A Common Stock	29,425	I	As Custodian for Minor Children
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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)			
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title
Nonstatutory Stock Options 12-2-03	\$ 9.61							12/02/2003	12/02/2013	Class A Common Stock
Nonstatutory Stock Options 12-2-04	\$ 21.77							12/02/2004	12/02/2014	Class A Common Stock
Nonstatutory Stock Option 12-15-05	\$ 30.645							12/15/2005	12/15/2015	Class A Common Stock
Phantom Stock Units <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 0 <sup>(1)</sup>							08/08/1988 <sup>(2)</sup>	08/08/1988 <sup>(2)</sup>	Class A Common Stock
Nonstatutory Stock Option 12-15-06	\$ 32.565							12/15/2006	12/14/2016	Class A Common Stock
2007 Restricted Stock Unit <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 0 <sup>(3)</sup>							01/01/2008 <sup>(4)</sup>	12/13/2017	Class A Common Stock
NSO 2007	\$ 43.61							12/14/2007	12/13/2017	Class A

							Common Stock
March 2011 Director RSU <u>(1)</u>	\$ 0 <u>(3)</u>				03/02/2011 <sup>(4)</sup>	03/02/2021	Class A Common Stock
March 2 2012 Director RSU Grant	\$ 0				03/02/2012	03/02/2022	Class A Common Stock
March 4, 2013 Director RSU Grant <u>(1)</u>	\$ 0 <u>(3)</u>	03/04/2013	M	2,629 <u>(5)</u>	03/04/2013	03/04/2023	Class A Common Stock

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
BUSCH RALPH B III C/O BERRY PETROLEUM COMPANY 1999 BROADWAY, SUITE 3700 DENVER, CO 80202				

## Signatures

Kenneth A Olson under POA for Ralph Busch

03/06/2013

    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) 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.
- (3) Each RSU represents a contingent right to receive one share of Berry Petroleum Company Class A Common Stock
- (4) 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.
- (5) Grant of Restricted Stock Unit (RSU) under the Company's 2005 Equity Incentive Plan in a transaction exempt under Rule 16b-3(c). RSUs are 100% vested on date of grant.

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