

BUSH WILLIAM E JR
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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 *
BUSH WILLIAM E JR

(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)
01/09/2012

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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				(A) or (D)			As Custodian for minor grandchildren
Class A Common Stock	01/09/2012		M	263 ⁽¹⁾ A	\$ 44,395	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 Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)		
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Nonstatutory Stock Option 12-15-06	\$ 32.565					12/15/2006	12/14/2016	Class A Common Stock	10,000
NSO 2007	\$ 43.61					12/14/2007	12/13/2017	Class A Common Stock	3,956
Phantom Stock Units	\$ 0					08/08/1988	08/08/1988	Class A Common Stock	15,997
March 2011 Director RSU	\$ 0					03/02/2011	03/02/2021	Class A Common Stock	2,499
2007 Restricted Stock Unit	\$ 0	01/09/2012		M	263 (2)	01/01/2008	12/13/2017	Class A Common Stock	1,319

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

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DENVER, CO 80202

Signatures

Kenneth A Olson under POA for William Bush

01/10/2012

**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) Issuance of shares from previous RSU grant based on meeting terms and timing of deferral election.
 - (2) Issuance of 20% of RSU shares per deferral election in place at date of grant.

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