

BUSCH RALPH B III

Form 4

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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)

03/31/2011

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
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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					136,228	D	
Class A Common Stock					70,000	I	As Co-Trustee of Charitable Trust
Class A Common Stock					123,665	I	As Co-Trustee of Union Bank Trust

Class A Common Stock	6,250	I	Shares Busch Family Foundation
Class A Common Stock	13,432	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)	Am or Nu of S
Nonstatutory Stock Options 12-2-01	\$ 7.725					12/02/2001 12/02/2011	Class A Common Stock	10
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
	\$ 30.645					12/15/2005 12/15/2015		10

Nonstatutory Stock Option 12-15-05								Class A Common Stock	
Nonstatutory Stock Option 12-15-06	\$ 32.565					12/15/2006	12/14/2016	Class A Common Stock	10
2007 Restricted Stock Unit ⁽¹⁾	\$ 0					01/01/2008 ⁽²⁾	12/13/2017 ⁽³⁾	Class A Common Stock	1,
NSO 2007	\$ 43.61					12/14/2007	12/13/2017	Class A Common Stock	3,
March 2011 Director RSU	\$ 0					03/02/2011	03/02/2021	Class A Common Stock	2,
Phantom Stock Units	\$ 0	03/31/2011	A	473 ⁽⁴⁾		08/08/1988	08/08/1988	Class A Common Stock	42

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 04/01/2011

 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 and 2005 Incentive Equity Plan in transactions 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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