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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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1(b).

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Wheat Jamie L			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol BERRY PETROLEUM CO [BRY]					5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer		
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction			(Check all applicable)				
1999 BROADWAY, SUITE 3700			(Month/Day/Year) 09/30/2011					Director Officer (gives below)		6 Owner er (specify
	(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	e I - Non-Do	erivative S	Securi	ties Ac	quired, Disposed	of, or Beneficia	lly Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction I (Month/Day/Ye	ear) Execution any	emed ion Date, if /Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	Disposed (Instr. 3,	(A) o l of (D))	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								1,480	D	
Class A Common Stock	09/30/2011			J	14 (3)	A	\$0	263	I	Held in 401(k) Account

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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$\label{thm:convergence} \begin{tabular}{ll} Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned \\ (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities) \end{tabular}$

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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Dr.Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisab Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year		7. Title and Amount Underlying Securitie (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
2009 Restricted Stock Units (1)	\$ 0					12/11/2010(2)	12/11/2019	Class A Common Stock	1,40
2008 Restricted Stock Units (1)	\$ 0					12/11/2009(2)	12/11/2018	Class A Common Stock	750
March 2011 Employee RSU Grant	\$ 0					03/02/2012	03/02/2021	Class A Common Stock	1,85
Non-Statutory Stock Option 3-3-2011 - \$48.50	\$ 48.5					03/02/2012	03/02/2021	Class A Common Stock	1,42

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
Fg 0 m 1 m	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
Wheat Jamie L 1999 BROADWAY, SUITE 3700 DENVER, CO 80202			Controller				
Signatures							
Kenneth A. Olson Under POA for J Wheat	Jamie L.						
**Signature of Reporting Person			Date				

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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) Restricted Stock Units vest 25% per year from date of grant.
- (3) Shares of Common Stock acquired by the reporting person in the Company's 401(k) Plan. All transactions were at market and were non-discretionary.

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