BERRY PETROLEUM CO

Form 4

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FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading CRAWFORD GEORGE T Issuer Symbol BERRY PETROLEUM CO [BRY] (Check all applicable) (First) (Middle) (Last) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) Director 10% Owner Other (specify Officer (give title C/O BERRY PETROLEUM 03/04/2013 below) COMPANY, 5201 TRUXTUN AVE. Snr VP of CA Production (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting BAKERSFIELD, CA 93309 Person (Ctata)

| (City) | (State) | (Zip) Tab | le I - Non-I | Derivative | Secu | rities Acqu | ired, Disposed of | , or Beneficial | y 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. Securion(A) or D (Instr. 3, | ispose | ed of (D) | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | |
| | | | Code V | Amount | (A) or Amount (D) Price | | Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | (Instr. 4) | | |
| Class A Common Stock | | | | | | | 4,393 | I | Held in 401(k) Plan | |
| Class A Common Stock | 03/04/2013 | | M | 1,473 (5) | A | \$ 45.8 | 8,096 | D | | |
| Class A Common Stock | 03/04/2013 | | M | 5,382 (6) | A | \$ 46.05 | 13,478 | D | | |
| Class A Common | 03/04/2013 | | S | 159 | D | \$ 45.694 | 13,319 | D | | |

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| Stock | | | | | | | |
|----------------------------|------------|---|-----|---|--------------|--------|---|
| Class A Common Stock | 03/04/2013 | S | 100 | D | \$ 45.704 | 13,219 | D |
| Class A Common Stock | 03/04/2013 | S | 300 | D | \$ 45.705 | 12,919 | D |
| Class A Common Stock | 03/05/2013 | S | 918 | D | \$ 46.313 | 12,001 | D |
| Class A Common Stock | 03/05/2013 | S | 400 | D | \$ 46.321 | 11,601 | D |
| Class A Common Stock | 03/05/2013 | S | 700 | D | \$ 46.322 | 10,901 | D |

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

1 Title of

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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. 5. Number of TransactionDerivative Code Securities (Instr. 8) Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | | 7. Title Underly (Instr. 3 | |
|---|--|---|--|---|-----|--|------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------|
| | | | | Code V | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title |
| Nonstatutory Stock Option 12-15-05 | \$ 30.645 | | | | | | 12/15/2006 | 12/15/2015 | Class Comm Stoc |
| Nonstatutory Stock Option 12-15-06 | \$ 32.565 | | | | | | 12/15/2007 | 12/14/2016 | Class Comn Stoc |
| 2007 Restricted Stock Unit (1) | \$ 0 (2) | | | | | | 12/14/2008(3) | 12/13/2017(4) | Class Comn Stoc |
| NSO 2007 | \$ 43.61 | | | | | | 12/14/2008 | 12/13/2017 | Class Comn |

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|--|----------|------------|---|---------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|-----------------------|
| 2008 Restricted Stock Units (1) | \$ 0 (2) | | | | | 12/12/2009(3) | 12/11/2018(4) | Class Comn Stoc |
| 2009 Restricted Stock Units | \$ 0 | | | | | 12/11/2010 | 12/11/2019 | Class Comn Stoc |
| March 2011 Employee RSU Grant | \$ 0 | | | | | 03/02/2012 | 03/02/2021 | Class Comn Stoc |
| Non-Statutory Stock Option 3-2-2011 - \$48.50 | \$ 48.5 | | | | | 03/02/2012 | 03/02/2021 | Class Comn Stoc |
| Perf Based RSU 3-2-2011 | \$ 0 | | | | | 12/31/2013 | 03/02/2021 | Class Comn Stoc |
| Non Statutory Stock Option 3-2-12 | \$ 53.02 | | | | | 03/02/2013 | 03/02/2022 | Class Comn Stoc |
| Perf Based RSUs 3-2-12 | \$ 0 | | | | | 12/31/2014 | 03/02/2022 | Class Comn Stoc |
| March 4, 2013 Employee RSU Grant (1) | \$ 0 (2) | 03/04/2013 | M | 14,116 (7) | | 03/04/2014 | 03/04/2023 | Class Comn Stoc |
| March 2, 2012 Employee RSU Grant | \$ 0 | 03/04/2013 | M | | 1,473 (5) | 03/02/2013 | 03/02/2022 | Class Comn Stoc |
| Perf Based RSUs 3-16-10 | \$ 0 | 03/04/2013 | M | | 5,382 (6) | 12/31/2012 | 12/31/2012 | Class Comn Stoc |
| Perf Based RSUs 3-16-10 | \$ 0 | 03/04/2013 | M | | 2,879 (8) | 12/31/2012 | 12/31/2012 | Class Comn Stoc |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Kelationships | | | | | | | |
|--------------------------------|---------------|-----------|---------------|-------|--|--|--|--|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other | | | | |
| CRAWFORD GEORGE T | | | Snr VP of | | | | | |
| C/O BERRY PETROLEUM COMPANY | | | CA Production | | | | | |
| 5201 TRUXTUN AVE. | | | | | | | | |

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BAKERSFIELD, CA 93309

Signatures

Kenneth A Olson under POA for George Crawford

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) Each RSU represents a contingent right to receive one share of Berry Petroleum Company Class A Common Stock
- (3) The RSU granted vest 25% per year beginning one year after grant but the receipt of shares are subject to a deferral period which is generally at least four years from grant date as per the deferral election.
- (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) Vested shares issued pursuant to Rule 16b-3 plan.
- (6) Performance Shares issued pursuant to terms of Award Agreement under Rule 16b-3 Plan.
- (7) Grant of Restricted Stock Unit (RSU) under the Company's 2010 Equity Incentive Plan in a transaction exempt under Rule 16b-3(c). RSUs vest 25% per year from date of grant.
- (8) Performance Shares cancelled in excess of shares issued under terms of Performance Share Plan.

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