GAUL J HERBERT JR

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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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(Print or Type Responses)

| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person ** GAUL J HERBERT JR | 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 (Month/Day/Year) | (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner | | | |
| C/O BERRY PETROLEUM COMPANY, 1999 BROADWAY, SUITE 3700 | 03/04/2013 | Officer (give title Delow) Other (specify below) | | | |
| (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. Nac Davidson Commission Ass | | | | |
| | Table 1 - Non-Derivative Securities Act | quired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owne | | | |

| 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial |
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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)

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| 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. Transactio Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Numb onDerivati Securitie Acquired Disposed (Instr. 3, 5) | ve es d (A) or d of (D) | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | | 7. Title and Underlying (Instr. 3 an |
|---|---|--------------------------------------|---|--|--|----------------------------------|--|-----------------|--|
| | | | | Code V | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title |
| Nonstatutory Stock Option 12-15-05 | \$ 30.645 | | | | | | 12/15/2005 | 12/15/2015 | Class A Common Stock |
| Phantom Stock Units | \$ 0 (1) | | | | | | 08/08/1988(2) | 08/08/1988(2) | 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 (1) | \$ 0 (3) | | | | | | 01/01/2008(4) | 12/13/2017(4) | Class A Common Stock |
| NSO 2007 | \$ 43.61 | | | | | | 12/14/2007 | 12/13/2017 | Class A Common Stock |
| March 4, 2013 Director RSU Grant (1) | \$ 0 (3) | 03/04/2013 | | M | 2,629 (5) | | 03/04/2013 | 03/04/2023 | Class A Common Stock |
| March 4, 2013 Director RSU Grant | \$ 0 | 03/04/2013 | | M <u>(6)</u> | | 2,629 (6) | 03/04/2013 | 03/04/2023 | Class A Common Stock |

Reporting Owners

Grant

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

GAUL J HERBERT JR C/O BERRY PETROLEUM COMPANY 1999 BROADWAY, SUITE 3700 DENVER, CO 80202

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Signatures

Kenneth A Olson under POA for J.

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03/06/2013

**Signature of Reporting Person

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- * 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).

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- **(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.
- (6) Vested shares issued pursuant to Rule 16b-3 plan.

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