

Ciotti George W  
Form 4  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
Ciotti George W

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
BERRY PETROLEUM CO [BRY]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
1999 BROADWAY, SUITE 3700

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
12/11/2010

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

VP of Corp Development

(Street)  
DENVER, CO 80202

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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(City) (State) (Zip)

**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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
|                                 |                                      |  | Code                           | V Amount (A) or (D) Price   |   |  |   |
| Class A Common Stock            | 12/11/2010                           |  | M                              | 1,866 <sup>(1)</sup> A \$ 41.195                                  | 4,674   | D  |   |
| Class A Common Stock            | 12/12/2010                           |  | J                              | 32 <sup>(3)</sup> A \$ 0  | 1,625   | I  | Held in 401(k) account                                |
| Class A Common Stock            | 12/12/2010                           |  | M                              | 1,625 <sup>(4)</sup> A \$ 41.195                                  | 6,299   | D  |   |
| Class A Common                  | 12/14/2010                           |  | S                              | 487 <sup>(6)</sup> D \$ 43.04                                     | 5,812   | D  |   |

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Stock

Class A

Common 12/14/2010 S 556 <sup>(7)</sup> D \$ 43.3 5,256 D  
Stock

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) | Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|----------------------------|
|  |  |                                      |  | Code V (A) (D)                 |   | Date Exercisable Expiration Date                         | Title   |                            |
| Perf Based RSUs 3-16-10                    | \$ 0   |                                      |  |                                |   | 12/31/2012 12/31/2012                                    | Class A Common Stock  | 5,633                      |
| 2009 Restricted Stock Units                | \$ 0   | 12/11/2010                           |  | M                              | 1,866 <sup>(2)</sup>  | 12/11/2010 12/11/2019                                    | Class A Common Stock  | 7,465                      |
| 2008 Restricted Stock Units                | \$ 0   | 12/12/2010                           |  | M                              | 1,625 <sup>(5)</sup>  | 12/11/2009 12/11/2018                                    | Class A Common Stock  | 4,875                      |

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Ciotti George W  
1999 BROADWAY, SUITE 3700  
DENVER, CO 80202

VP of Corp Development

## Signatures

Kenneth A. Olson Under POA for George W.  
Ciotti

12/14/2010

\_\_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) Vested shares issued pursuant to Rule 16b-3 plan.
- (2) Vested shares issued pursuant to Rule 16b-3 plan.
- (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.
- (4) Vested shares issued pursuant to Rule 16b-3 plan.
- (5) Vested shares issued pursuant to Rule 16b-3 plan.
- (6) Shares sold to cover taxes on RSU vesting under Rule 16b-3 Plan.
- (7) Shares sold to cover taxes on RSU vesting under Rule 16b-3 Plan.

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