

BUSH WILLIAM E JR
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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
BUSH WILLIAM E JR

(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)
05/03/2010

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)
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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 Ownership (Instr. 4)	
				(A) or (D)	Price			
				Code	V	Amount		
Class A Common Stock						I	As Custodian for minor grandchildren	
Class A Common Stock	05/03/2010		S	200	D	\$ 33.88	262,296	D
Class A Common Stock	05/03/2010		S	300	D	\$ 33.89	261,996	D
Class A Common Stock	05/03/2010		S	300	D	\$ 33.9	261,696	D

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Common Stock							
Class A Common Stock	05/03/2010	S	500	D	\$ 33.96	261,196	D
Class A Common Stock	05/03/2010	S	200	D	\$ 34.13	260,996	D
Class A Common Stock	05/03/2010	S	300	D	\$ 34.14	260,696	D
Class A Common Stock	05/04/2010	S	300	D	\$ 33.27	260,396	D
Class A Common Stock	05/04/2010	S	400	D	\$ 33.32	259,996	D

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)		
						Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Nonstatutory Stock Options 12-2-04	\$ 21.77					12/02/2004	12/02/2014	Class A Common Stock	10,000
Nonstatutory Stock Option 12-15-05	\$ 30.645					12/15/2005	12/15/2015	Class A Common Stock	10,000

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Nonstatutory Stock Option 12-15-06	\$ 32.565	12/15/2006	12/14/2016	Class A Common Stock	10,000
2007 Restricted Stock Unit	\$ 0	01/01/2008 ⁽¹⁾	12/13/2017	Class A Common Stock	1,319
NSO 2007	\$ 43.61	12/14/2007	12/13/2017	Class A Common Stock	3,956
Phantom Stock Units	\$ 0	08/08/1988	08/08/1988	Class A Common Stock	15,774

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

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C/O BERRY PETROLEUM COMPANY
1999 BROADWAY, SUITE 3700
DENVER, CO 80202

Signatures

Kenneth A Olson under POA for William
Bush

05/04/2010

 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) 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.

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