

DUGINSKI MICHAEL
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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 *
DUGINSKI MICHAEL

(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)
01/09/2012

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)
Exec. VP & COO

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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| | | | Code | V Amount (A) or (D) Price | | | |
| Class A Common Stock | | | | | 13,412 | I | Held in 401(k) Plan |
| Class A Common Stock | 01/09/2012 | | M | 2,407 ⁽⁷⁾ A \$ 44.395 | 24,175 | D | |
| Class A Common Stock | 01/10/2012 | | S | 612 ⁽⁹⁾ D \$ 44.881 | 23,563 | D | |
| Class A Common Stock | 01/10/2012 | | S | 100 ⁽⁹⁾ D \$ | 23,463 | D | |

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Common Stock 44.882

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 Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|
| | | | | Code | V (A) (D) | Date Exercisable Expiration Date | Title |
| Nonstatutory Stock Option 12-05-03 | \$ 9.97 | | | | | 12/05/2004 12/05/2013 | Class A Common Stock |
| Nonstatutory Stock Option 11-23-04 | \$ 21.58 | | | | | 11/23/2005 11/23/2014 | Class A Common Stock |
| Nonstatutory Stock Option 12-15-05 | \$ 30.645 | | | | | 12/15/2006 12/15/2015 | Class A Common Stock |
| Nonstatutory Stock Option 12-15-06 | \$ 32.565 | | | | | 12/15/2007 12/14/2016 | Class A Common Stock |
| NSO 2007 | \$ 43.61 | | | | | 12/14/2008 12/13/2017 | Class A Common Stock |
| 2008 Restricted Stock Units ⁽¹⁾ | \$ 0 ⁽²⁾ | | | | | 12/12/2009 ⁽³⁾ 12/11/2018 ⁽⁴⁾ | Class A Common Stock |
| 2009 Restricted Stock Units | \$ 0 | | | | | 12/11/2010 12/11/2019 | Class A Common Stock |
| Perf Based RSUs 3-16-10 | \$ 0 ⁽⁵⁾ | | | | | 12/31/2012 ⁽⁵⁾ 12/31/2012 | Class A Common |

| | | | | | | | | Stock |
|--|---------|------------|--|---|--------------|------------|------------|----------------------------|
| (1) | | | | | | | | |
| March 2011 Employee RSU Grant | \$ 0 | | | | | 03/02/2012 | 03/02/2021 | Class A Common Stock |
| Non-Statutory Stock Option 3-3-2011 - \$48.50 | \$ 48.5 | | | | | 03/02/2012 | 03/02/2021 | Class A Common Stock |
| Perf Based RSU 3-2-2011 | \$ 0 | | | | | 12/31/2013 | 03/02/2021 | Class A Common Stock |
| 2007 Restricted Stock Unit | \$ 0 | 01/09/2012 | | M | 2,407 (8) | 12/14/2008 | 12/13/2017 | Class A Common Stock |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|----------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| DUGINSKI MICHAEL C/O BERRY PETROLEUM COMPANY 1999 BROADWAY, SUITE 3700 DENVER, CO 80202 | | | Exec. VP & COO | |

Signatures

Kenneth A Olson under POA for Michael
Duginski

01/10/2012

**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) Each RSU represents a contingent right to receive one share of Berry Petroleum Company Class A Common Stock if certain pre-established performance factors, as set forth in the Company's Form 8-K dated March 18, 2010, are met.
 - (6) Per the Agreement this is the maximum number of performance based RSUs that may be received if all performance factors are achieved as outlined in the Form 8-K dated March 18, 2010.
 - (7) Issuance of shares from previous RSU grant based on meeting terms and timing of deferral election.
 - (8) Issuance of 20% of RSU shares per deferral election in place at date of grant.

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(9) Shares sold to cover tax liability of issuance of deferred RSU shares.

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