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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 *
Ayers William B

(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)
VP of Human Resources

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

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 | 01/09/2012 | | M | 2,294 (5) A \$ 44.395 | 5,746 | D | |
| Class A Common Stock | 01/10/2012 | | S | 679 (7) D \$ 44.891 | 5,067 | 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 Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4) | |
|---|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|----------------------|
| | | | | Code | V (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title |
| Non-Statutory Stock Option 5-18-06 | \$ 31.615 | | | | | 05/18/2007 | 05/17/2016 | 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 | | | | | 12/31/2012 | 12/31/2012 | Class A Common Stock |
| 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 | | | | | 03/02/2014 | 03/02/2021 | Class A Common Stock |
| 2007 Restricted Stock Unit | \$ 0 | 01/09/2012 | | M | 2,294 ⁽⁶⁾ | 12/14/2008 | 12/13/2017 | Class A Common Stock |

