

GAUL J HERBERT JR

Form 4

March 02, 2012

FORM 4
UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
GAUL J HERBERT 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)

03/02/2012

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)

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 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	03/02/2012		M		2,231 (6)	\$ 53.795	44,730	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)

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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. 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 (Instr. 3 and 4)		
				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 <u>(1)</u>	\$ 0 <u>(1)</u>							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 <u>(1)</u>	\$ 0 <u>(3)</u>							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 2 2012 Director RSU Grant <u>(1)</u>	\$ 0 <u>(3)</u>	03/02/2012		A		2,231 <u>(5)</u>		03/02/2012 ⁽⁵⁾	03/02/2022	Class A Common Stock
March 2 2012 Director RSU Grant	\$ 0	03/02/2012		M ⁽⁶⁾		2,231 <u>(6)</u>		03/02/2012	03/02/2022	Class A Common Stock

Reporting Owners

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				

Signatures

Kenneth A Olson under POA for J.
Gaul

03/02/2012

__Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

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(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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