

Ciotti George W  
 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 \*  
 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  
 (Street)

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

\_\_\_\_ Director  
 \_\_\_\_ Officer (give title below)  
 \_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 \_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 VP of Corp Development

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  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

(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 (1) \$ 41.195	4,674	D
Class A Common Stock	12/12/2010		J		32 (3) \$ 0	1,625	I Held in 401(k) account
Class A Common Stock	12/12/2010		M		1,625 (4) \$ 41.195	6,299	D
Class A Common	12/14/2010		S		487 (6) \$ 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)	
						Date Exercisable      Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
				Code	V (A) (D)			
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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