

GAUL J HERBERT JR  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
GAUL J HERBERT JR

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)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
03/09/2012

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
\_\_\_\_ Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)

C/O BERRY PETROLEUM COMPANY, 1999 BROADWAY, SUITE 3700

(Street)

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

DENVER, CO 80202

(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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
Class A Common Stock	03/09/2012		S	525	D \$ 53.47	44,205	D
Class A Common Stock	03/09/2012		S	400	D \$ 53.48	43,805	D
Class A Common Stock	03/09/2012		S	600	D \$ 53.49	43,205	D
Class A Common Stock	03/09/2012		S	100	D \$	43,105	D

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Common Stock						53.4904	
Class A Common Stock	03/09/2012	S	500	D	\$ 53.5	42,605	D
Class A Common Stock	03/09/2012	S	100	D	\$ 53.51	42,505	D
Class A Common Stock	03/09/2012	S	6	D	\$ 53.555	42,499	D
Class A Common Stock	03/09/2012	S	2,204	D	\$ 53.01	40,295	D
Class A Common Stock	03/09/2012	S	295	D	\$ 53.02	40,000	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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4)
Nonstatutory Stock Option 12-15-05	\$ 30.645					Date Exercisable: 12/15/2005 Expiration Date: 12/15/2015	Class A Common Stock 10,000
Phantom Stock Units (1)	\$ 0 (1)					08/08/1988(2) 08/08/1988(2)	Class A Common Stock 34,000

Nonstatutory Stock Option 12-15-06	\$ 32.565	12/15/2006	12/14/2016	Class A Common Stock	10,0
2007 Restricted Stock Unit <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 0 <sup>(3)</sup>	01/01/2008 <sup>(4)</sup>	12/13/2017 <sup>(4)</sup>	Class A Common Stock	1,3
NSO 2007	\$ 43.61	12/14/2007	12/13/2017	Class A Common Stock	3,9

## 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

03/13/2012

    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) 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.

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