

BUSCH RALPH B III
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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 *
BUSCH RALPH B III

(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)
12/31/2009

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)
X 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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|--|
| | | | | (A) or (D) Code V Amount (D) Price | | | |
| Class A Common Stock | | | | | 143,528 | D | |
| Class A Common Stock | | | | | 80,000 | I | As Co-Trustee of Charitable Trust |
| Class A Common Stock | | | | | 124,665 | I | As Co-Trustee of Union Bank Trust |

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| | | | Shares |
|----------------------------|--------|---|--|
| Class A Common Stock | 6,000 | I | Busch Family Foundation |
| Class A Common Stock | 10,432 | I | As Custodian for Minor Children |

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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 Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4) | Amount or Number of S | |
|---|--|---|---|--------------------------------------|--|--|--|--------------------------------|----|
| | | | | Code | V (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | |
| Nonstatutory Stock Options 12-2-2000 | \$ 7.8438 | | | | | 12/02/2000 | 12/02/2010 | Class A Common Stock | 10 |
| Nonstatutory Stock Options 12-2-01 | \$ 7.725 | | | | | 12/02/2001 | 12/02/2011 | Class A Common Stock | 10 |
| Nonstatutory Stock Options 12-2-02 | \$ 8.07 | | | | | 12/02/2002 | 12/02/2012 | Class A Common Stock | 10 |
| Nonstatutory Stock Options 12-2-03 | \$ 9.61 | | | | | 12/02/2003 | 12/02/2013 | Class A Common Stock | 10 |
| | \$ 21.77 | | | | | 12/02/2004 | 12/02/2014 | | 10 |

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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.

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