

Ciotti George W
Form 4
March 18, 2010

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 *
Ciotti George W

(Last) (First) (Middle)

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)

03/16/2010

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 ____ Other (specify
below) below)

VP of Corp Development

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
X Form filed by One Reporting Person
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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)
Class A Common Stock				(A) or (D)			
			Code	V	Amount		Price
Class A Common Stock	03/16/2010		J	232	(7) A	\$ 0 800	I
						1,143	D
							Held in
							401(k)
							account

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)			
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
2008 Restricted Stock Units <u>(1)</u>	\$ 0							12/11/2009 <u>(2)</u>	12/11/2018	Class A Common Stock	4,87
12-3-2007 RSU <u>(3)</u>	\$ 0							12/03/2010 <u>(4)</u>	12/03/2017	Class A Common Stock	2,42
2009 Restricted Stock Units <u>(5)</u>	\$ 0							12/11/2010 <u>(6)</u>	12/11/2019	Class A Common Stock	7,46
Perf Based RSUs 3-16-10 <u>(8)</u>	\$ 0 <u>(9)</u>	03/16/2010		A		5,633 <u>(10)</u>		12/31/2012 <u>(11)</u>	12/31/2012	Class A Common Stock	5,63

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
03/18/2010
 **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).

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- (1) 1 for 1
- (2) Restricted Stock Units vest 25% per year from date of grant.
- (3) 1 for 1
- (4) Restricted Stock Units vest 100% three years from date of grant. Shares of Class A Common Stock will be delivered to the reporting person at the time of vesting.
- (5) 1 for 1
- (6) Restricted Stock Units vest 25% per year from date of grant.
- (7) 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.
- (8) 1 for 1
- (9) Each RSU represents a contingent right to receive one share of Berry Petroleum Company Class A Common Stock if certain pre-established performance factors, as set forth in the Company's Form 8-K dated March 18, 2010, are met.
- (10) Per the Agreement this is the maximum number of performance based RSUs that may be received if all performance factors are achieved as outlined in the Form 8-K dated March 18, 2010.
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