#### YOUNG MARTIN H JR

Form 4

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## FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

(Last)  C/O BERRY	1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * YOUNG MARTIN H JR  (Last) (First) (Middle)  C/O BERRY PETROLEUM			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol BERRY PETROLEUM CO [BRY] 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 12/31/2012					5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  (Check all applicable)  Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify below)			
SUITE 3700	(, 1999 BROAD )	WAY,										
	(Street)			4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)					6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting			
DENVER, C	CO 80202							Person	y More than One	Keporung		
(City)	(State) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned								ially Owned			
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Da (Month/Day/Year	Execution any	med on Date, if Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	Disposed (Instr. 3,	(A) o of (D	)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)			
Class A Common Stock								40,000	D			
Class A Common Stock								7,500	I	Held in Charitable Remainder Trust		

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. Transacti Code (Instr. 8)	Securitie	ative es d	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amou Underlying Securi (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amor Or Num of S
Nonstatutory Stock Option 12-15-05	\$ 30.645						12/15/2005	12/15/2015	Class A Common Stock	10,
Nonstatutory Stock Option 12-15-06	\$ 32.565						12/15/2006	12/14/2016	Class A Common Stock	10,
2007 Restricted Stock Unit (1)	\$ 0 (2)						01/01/2008(3)	12/13/2017	Class A Common Stock	1,3
NSO 2007	\$ 43.61						12/14/2007	12/13/2017	Class A Common Stock	3,9
March 2011 Director RSU	\$ 0 (2)						03/02/2011(3)	03/02/2021	Class A Common Stock	2,4
March 2 2012 Director RSU Grant	\$ 0						03/02/2012	03/02/2022	Class A Common Stock	2,2
Phantom Stock Units	\$ 0	12/31/2012		A	1,565 (4)		08/08/1988	08/08/1988	Class A Common Stock	91,

# **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

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1999 BROADWAY, SUITE 3700 DENVER, CO 80202

## **Signatures**

Kenneth A Olson under POA for Martin Young

01/02/2013

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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- \* 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) Each RSU represents a contingent right to receive one share of Berry Petroleum Company Class A Common Stock
- (3) 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.
- (4) 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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