BERRY PETROLEUM CO

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1 Name and Address of Reporting Person *

Wheat Jamie L			Symbol	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			3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 12/16/2013					Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify below) Controller			
(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			
DENVER, C	CO 80202							Form filed by Person	More than One R	eporting	
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned								
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction (Month/Day/Y	ear) Execu- any	eemed tion Date, if h/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securi onAcquired Disposed (Instr. 3,	l (A) o l 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)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
Class A Common Stock	12/16/2013			D	3,927 (1)	D	\$0	0	D		
Class A Common Stock	12/16/2013			D	444 (1)	D	\$ 0	0	I	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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	Secur Acqu (A) o Dispo (D)	rities nired or osed of r. 3, 4,	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amoun Underlying Securiti (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amor or Numl of Share
March 2, 2012 Employee RSU Grant	\$ 0	12/16/2013		D		1,592 (2)	03/02/2013	03/02/2022	Class A Common Stock	1,59
March 2011 Employee RSU Grant	\$ 0	12/16/2013		D		928 (2)	03/02/2012	03/02/2021	Class A Common Stock	92
March 4, 2013 Employee RSU Grant	\$ 0	12/16/2013		D		3,475 (2)	03/04/2013	03/04/2023	Class A Common Stock	3,4
Non Statutory Stock Option 3-2-12	\$ 53.02	12/16/2013		D		1,670 (3)	03/02/2013	03/02/2022	Class A Common Stock	1,6′
Non-Statutory Stock Option 3-2-2011 - \$48.50	\$ 48.5	12/16/2013		D		1,420 (3)	03/02/2012	03/02/2021	Class A Common Stock	1,42

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
r	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
Wheat Jamie L 1999 BROADWAY, SUITE 3700 DENVER, CO 80202			Controller				
Signatures							
Kenneth A. Olson Under POA for J Wheat	Jamie L.		12/20/2013				
**Signature of Reporting Person			Date				

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- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- Disposed of pursuant to the merger (the "Merger") of Berry Petroleum Company ("Berry") with LinnCo, LLC ("LinnCo") in a stock-for-stock merger, which was completed on December 16, 2013. Following the transaction Berry is an indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of Linn Energy, LLC. Pursuant to the Merger agreement each share of Berry Common Stock was exchanged for 1.68 shares of LinnCo common shares.
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