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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1. Name and Address of Reporting 2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Person * Statement BERRY PETROLEUM CO [BRY] Ciotti George W (Month/Day/Year) 01/06/2010 (Last) (First) (Middle) 4. Relationship of Reporting 5. If Amendment, Date Original Person(s) to Issuer Filed(Month/Day/Year) 1999 BROADWAY, SUITE (Check all applicable) 3700 (Street) 6. Individual or Joint/Group 10% Owner Director Officer Other Filing(Check Applicable Line) (give title below) (specify below) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting VP of Corp Development Person DENVER, COÂ 80202 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial 1. Title of Security 2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Ownership Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Form: (Instr. 5) Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) Â D Class A Common Stock 1,143 Class A Common Stock 568 I Held in 401(k) account Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially SEC 1473 (7-02) owned directly or indirectly. Persons who respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not required to respond unless the form displays a currently valid OMB control number.

Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative	2. Date Exercisable and	3. Title and Amount of	4.	5.	6. Nature of Indirect
Security	Expiration Date	Securities Underlying	Conversion	Ownership	Beneficial
(Instr. 4)	(Month/Day/Year)	Derivative Security	or Exercise	Form of	Ownership
		(Instr. 4)	Price of	Derivative	(Instr. 5)

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	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Derivative Security	Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	
2008 Restricted Stock Units (1)	12/11/2009(2)	12/11/2018	Class A Common Stock	4,875	\$ 0	D	Â
12-3-2007 RSU (3)	12/03/2010(4)	12/03/2017	Class A Common Stock	2,429	\$ 0	D	Â
2009 Restricted Stock Units (5)	12/11/2010(6)	12/11/2019	Class A Common Stock	7,465	\$ 0	D	Â

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships				
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Ciotti George W 1999 BROADWAY, SUITE 3700 DENVER, CO 80202	Â	Â	VP of Corp Development	Â	

Signatures

Kenneth A. Olson Under POA for George W.
Ciotti
01/11/2010

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(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) 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.

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