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#### EMAIL COMMUNICATION

From: Ellis, Mark  
Sent: Friday, November 15, 2013 3:55 PM  
To: Linn Energy All Users  
Subject: Looking Ahead LINN/Berry Merger

I am excited to announce that the SEC has declared our Registration Statement on Form S-4 effective, and we are now free to set the shareholder meeting dates to vote on the merger of Berry Petroleum and LINN Energy. A press release was issued yesterday stating that a meeting date of Dec. 16, 2013, has been set for the Berry, LINN Energy and LinnCo meetings. We anticipate a closing date immediately following shareholder approval of the merger.

As a unitholder in LINN, you will receive proxy materials in the mail listing all items to be voted on at the December 16 meeting and including instructions on how to vote. Please be sure to exercise your right to vote. If you have any questions related to the proxy materials, please contact Candice Wells or Ben Paul in the legal department.

I would like to thank you all for your support this year and extend my appreciation to those that have been a part of this merger process. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Mark

#### **Additional Information about the Proposed Transactions and Where to Find It**

In connection with the proposed transactions, LINN and LinnCo have filed with the SEC a registration statement on Form S-4 (Registration No. 333-187484) that includes a joint proxy statement of LinnCo, LINN and Berry that also constitutes a prospectus of LINN and LinnCo. Each of Berry, LINN and LinnCo also plan to file other relevant documents with the SEC regarding the proposed transactions. **INVESTORS ARE URGED TO READ THE JOINT PROXY STATEMENT/PROSPECTUS AND OTHER RELEVANT DOCUMENTS FILED WITH THE SEC IF AND WHEN THEY BECOME AVAILABLE BECAUSE THEY WILL CONTAIN IMPORTANT INFORMATION.** You may obtain a free copy of the joint proxy statement/prospectus and other relevant documents filed by Berry, LINN and LinnCo with the SEC at the SEC's website at [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov). You may also obtain these documents by

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contacting LINN's and LinnCo's Investor Relations department at (281) 840-4193 or via e-mail at [ir@lennenergy.com](mailto:ir@lennenergy.com) or by contacting Berry's Investor Relations department at (303) 999-4071 or via email at [ir@bry.com](mailto:ir@bry.com).

## **Participants in the Solicitation**

Berry, LINN and LinnCo and their respective directors and executive officers and other members of management and employees may be deemed to be participants in the solicitation of proxies in respect of the proposed transactions. Information about LINN's and LinnCo's respective directors and executive officers is available in the Registration Statement on Form S-4 related to the merger. Information about Berry's directors and executive officers is available in Berry's Form 10-K/A for the year ended December 31, 2012 dated April 30, 2013. Other information regarding the participants in the proxy solicitations and a description of their direct and indirect interests, by security holdings or otherwise, will be contained in the joint proxy statement/prospectus and other relevant materials to be filed with the SEC regarding the proposed transactions when they become available. Investors should read the joint proxy statement/prospectus carefully when it becomes available before making any voting or investment decisions. You may obtain free copies of these documents from Berry, LINN or LinnCo using the sources indicated above.

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## **Cautionary Note Regarding Forward-Looking Statements**

*This press release contains forward-looking statements, which are all statements other than statements of historical facts. These forward-looking statements involve significant risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially from those anticipated. Important economic, political, regulatory, legal, technological, competitive and other uncertainties are identified in the documents filed with the SEC by Berry, LINN and LinnCo from time to time, including their respective Annual Reports on Form 10-K, Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q, and Current Reports on Form 8-K. The forward-looking statements included in this press release are made only as of the date hereof. None of Berry, LINN nor LinnCo undertakes any obligation to update the forward-looking statements included in this press release to reflect subsequent events or circumstances.*