

BERRY PETROLEUM CO  
 Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
**Wilson Steven**  
  
 (Last) (First) (Middle)  
**5201 TRUXTUN AVE., SUITE 300**  
  
 (Street)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
**BERRY PETROLEUM CO [BRY]**

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
 (Month/Day/Year)  
**12/12/2008**

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
 (Check all applicable)  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 Treasurer

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**BAKERSFIELD, CA 93309**  
 (City) (State) (Zip)

**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 Ownership Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Code V	Amount	Price
Class A Common Stock						D	
Class A Common Stock	12/12/2008		J	557 (18)	A	\$ 0 818	I
							Held in the Participant's 401k 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 Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title
Nonstatutory Stock Option 11-23-04	\$ 21.58					11/23/2005	11/23/2014	Class A Common Stock
Nonstatutory Stock Option 12-15-05	\$ 30.645					12/15/2006	12/15/2015	Class A Common Stock
Nonstatutory Stock Option 12-15-06	\$ 32.565					12/15/2007	12/14/2016	Class A Common Stock
2005 Restricted Stock Units <u>(1)</u>	\$ 0 <u>(2)</u>					12/15/2006 <sup>(3)</sup>	12/14/2015 <sup>(4)</sup>	Class A Common Stock
2006 Restricted Stock Units <u>(5)</u>	\$ 0 <u>(6)</u>					12/15/2007 <sup>(7)</sup>	12/14/2016 <sup>(8)</sup>	Class A Common Stock
Restricted Stock Unit 4-20-06 <u>(9)</u>	\$ 0 <u>(10)</u>					04/20/2009 <sup>(11)</sup>	04/19/2016 <sup>(12)</sup>	Class A Common Stock
NSO 10-16-03 \$9.315	\$ 9.315					10/16/2004	10/16/2013	Class A Common Stock
2007 Restricted Stock Unit	\$ 0					01/01/2008	12/13/2017	Class A Common Stock
NSO 2007	\$ 43.61					12/14/2008	12/13/2017	Class A Common Stock



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- (17) 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.
- (18) 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.

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