

Wilson Steven
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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)

C/O BERRY PETROLEUM COMPANY, 1999 BROADWAY, SUITE 3700

(Street)

DENVER, CO 80202

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 09/01/2009

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 ____ Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 Treasurer

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | | | |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|-------|---|--|
| | | | | (A) or (D) | Price | | | | | |
| | | | | Code | V | Amount | | | | |
| Class A Common Stock | 09/01/2009 | | M | | 2,500 | A | \$ 9,315 | 8,542 | D | |
| Class A Common Stock | 09/01/2009 | | J ⁽⁵⁾ | | 64 ⁽⁶⁾ | A | \$ 0 | 2,052 | I | Held in the Participant's 401k Account |
| Class A Common Stock | 09/01/2009 | | S | | 2,500 | D | \$ 23.25 | 6,042 | D | |

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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) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|
| Nonstatutory Stock Option 11-23-04 | \$ 21.58 | | | | | 11/23/2005 09/10/2009 | Class A Common Stock |
| Nonstatutory Stock Option 12-15-05 | \$ 30.645 | | | | | 12/15/2006 02/10/2010 | Class A Common Stock |
| Nonstatutory Stock Option 12-15-06 | \$ 32.565 | | | | | 12/15/2007 02/10/2010 | Class A Common Stock |
| 2007 Restricted Stock Unit ⁽¹⁾ | \$ 0 ⁽²⁾ | | | | | 01/01/2008 ⁽³⁾ 01/08/2010 ⁽⁴⁾ | Class A Common Stock |
| NSO 2007 | \$ 43.61 | | | | | 12/14/2008 02/10/2010 | Class A Common Stock |
| NSO 10-16-03 \$9.315 | \$ 9.315 | 09/01/2009 | | M | 2,500 | 10/16/2004 09/10/2009 | Class A Common Stock |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|-----------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Wilson Steven C/O BERRY PETROLEUM COMPANY 1999 BROADWAY, SUITE 3700 | | | Treasurer | |

DENVER, CO 80202

Signatures

Kenneth A. Olson under POA for Steve B.
Wilson

09/01/2009

__Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * 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 granted vest 25% per year beginning one year after grant but the receipt of shares are subject to a deferral period which is generally at least four years from grant date as per the deferral election.
- (4) 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.
- (5) 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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