

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)

5201 TRUXTUN AVE., SUITE 300

(Street)

BAKERSFIELD, CA 93309

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
12/31/2008

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)
X Form filed by One Reporting Person
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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 Ownership Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| | | | Code | V | Amount | (D) | Price |
| Class A Common Stock | | | | | 3,578 | D | |
| Class A Common Stock | 12/31/2008 | | J | V | 149 (21) | A | \$ 0 967 |
| | | | | | | 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 Amount of 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 ⁽³⁾ 12/14/2015 ⁽⁴⁾ | Class A Common Stock |
| 2006 Restricted Stock Units <u>(5)</u> | \$ 0 <u>(6)</u> | | | | | 12/15/2007 ⁽⁷⁾ 12/14/2016 ⁽⁸⁾ | Class A Common Stock |
| Restricted Stock Unit 4-20-06 <u>(9)</u> | \$ 0 <u>(10)</u> | | | | | 04/20/2009 ⁽¹¹⁾ 04/19/2016 ⁽¹²⁾ | 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 <u>(13)</u> | \$ 0 <u>(14)</u> | | | | | 01/01/2008 ⁽¹⁵⁾ 12/13/2017 ⁽¹⁶⁾ | Class A Common Stock |
| NSO 2007 | \$ 43.61 | | | | | 12/14/2008 12/13/2017 | |

2008
 Restricted Stock Units
 (17) \$ 0 ⁽¹⁸⁾

12/12/2009⁽¹⁹⁾ 12/11/2018⁽²⁰⁾

Class A
 Common
 Stock

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Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|-----------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Wilson Steven 5201 TRUXTUN AVE., SUITE 300 BAKERSFIELD, CA 93309 | | | Treasurer | |

Signatures

Kenneth A. Olson under POA for Steve B.
 Wilson 01/07/2009

**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) 1 for 1
- (3) The restricted stock units vests in four equal annual installments beginning December 15, 2006. Shares of Class A Common Stock will be delivered to the reporting person at the time of vesting.
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- (5) 1 for 1
- (6) 1 for 1
- (7) The restricted stock units vests in four equal annual installments beginning December 15, 2007. Shares of Class A Common Stock will be delivered to the reporting person at the time of vesting.
- (8) The restricted stock units vests in four equal annual installments beginning December 15, 2007. Shares of Class A Common Stock will be delivered to the reporting person at the time of vesting.
- (9) 1 for 1
- (10) 1 for 1
- (11) Restricted Stock Units vest 100% three years from date of grant on 4/20/2009.
- (12) 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.
- (13) 1 for 1
- (14) Each RSU represents a contingent right to receive one share of Berry Petroleum Company Class A Common Stock
- (15)

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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.

- (16) 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.
- (17) 1 for 1
- (18) Each RSU represents a contingent right to receive one share of Berry Petroleum Company Class A Common Stock
- (19) 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.
- (20) 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.
- (21) 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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