DUGINSKI MICHAEL

Form 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES** Form 4 or Form 5 obligations

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 See Instruction

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

may continue.

			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol BERRY PETROLEUM CO [BRY]				Is	Issuer (Charle all applicable)		
			(Month/	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 12/15/2009				(Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify below) Exec. VP & COO		
DENVER,	(Street) CO 80202			nendment, Day/Yea	_	al	A _J	Individual or Join opticable Line) K_ Form filed by Or Form filed by Morrson	ne Reporting Per	rson
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Tal	ole I - Non-I	Derivative	Secu	rities Acquir	ed, Disposed of,	or Beneficiall	y Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Da (Month/Day/Year		n Date, if	3. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)		sed of 4 and (A) or		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)
Class A Common Stock								10,726	I	Held in 401(k) Plan
Class A Common Stock	12/15/2009			M ⁽⁹⁾	2,500	A	\$ 28.145	19,066	D	
Class A Common Stock	12/15/2009			M(10)	2,500	A	\$ 28.145	21,566	D	
Class A	12/15/2009			F(19)	1,524	D	\$	20,042	D	

Common Stock

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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	Secur Acqu (A) o Dispo (D)	erivative rities ired rosed of 3, 4,	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and A Underlying S (Instr. 3 and A
				Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title
Nonstatutory Stock Option 2-1-02	\$ 7.445						02/01/2003	02/01/2012	Class A Common Stock
Nonstatutory Stock Option 12-6-02	\$ 8.25						12/06/2003	12/06/2012	Class A Common Stock
Nonstatutory Stock Option 12-05-03	\$ 9.97						12/05/2004	12/05/2013	Class A Common Stock
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
2007 Restricted Stock Unit (1)	\$ 0 (2)						12/14/2008(3)	12/13/2017(4)	Class A Common Stock
NSO 2007	\$ 43.61						12/14/2008	12/13/2017	Class A Common

							Stock
2008 Restricted Stock Units (5)	\$ 0 (6)				12/12/2009(7)	12/11/2018(8)	Class A Common Stock
2009 Restricted Stock Units	\$ 0				12/11/2010	12/11/2019	Class A Common Stock
2005 Restricted Stock Units	\$ 0 (12)	12/15/2009	M 2	,500	12/15/2006(13)	12/14/2015(14)	Class A Common Stock
2006 Restricted Stock Units	\$ 0 (16)	12/15/2009	M 2	,500	12/15/2007(17)	12/14/2016(18)	Class A Common Stock

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Kelationships					
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		

DUGINSKI MICHAEL C/O BERRY PETROLEUM COMPANY 1999 BROADWAY, SUITE 3700 DENVER, CO 80202

Exec. VP & COO

Signatures

Kenneth A Olson under POA for Michael Duginski

12/17/2009

**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**) 1 for 1
- (6) Each RSU represents a contingent right to receive one share of Berry Petroleum Company Class A Common Stock
- (7) 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.

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- (8) 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.
- (9) Vested shares issued pursuant to Rule 16b-3 plan.
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- (11) 1 for 1
- (12) Each RSU represents a contingent right to receive one share of Berry Petroleum Company Class A Common Stock
- (13) 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.
- (14) 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.
- (15) 1 for 1
- (16) Each RSU represents a contingent right to receive one share of Berry Petroleum Company Class A Common Stock
- (17) 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.
- (18) 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.
- (19) Shares sold to cover taxes on RSU vesting under Rule 16b-3 Plan.

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