

Wheat Jamie L  
 Form 3  
 March 25, 2010

**FORM 3 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
**Washington, D.C. 20549**

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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

|   |         |                                      |  |  |
|---|---------|--------------------------------------|--|--|
| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * |         | 2. Date of Event Requiring Statement | 3. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol                   |  |
| Wheat Jamie L                             |         | (Month/Day/Year)                     | BERRY PETROLEUM CO [BRY]   |  |
| (Last)                                    | (First) | (Middle)                             | 03/25/2010   |  |
| 1999 BROADWAY, SUITE 3700                 |         |                                      | 4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer                     | 5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)                   |
| (Street)                                  |         |                                      | (Check all applicable)   |  |
| DENVER, CO 80202                          |         |                                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)             |
| (City)                                    | (State) | (Zip)                                | <input type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other      | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person |
|   |         |                                      | (give title below) (specify below)                                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person  |
|   |         |                                      | Controller   |  |

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 4) | 2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4) | 3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) | 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5) |
|---------------------------------|---|--|---|
| Class A Common Stock            | 263   | D  |   |
| Class A Common Stock            | 50  | I  | Held in 401(k) Account                                |

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly. SEC 1473 (7-02)

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4) | 2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4) | 4. Conversion or Exercise Price of | 5. Ownership Form of Derivative | 6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5) |
|--|--|---|------------------------------------|---------------------------------|---|
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|  | Date Exercisable          | Expiration Date | Title                | Amount or Number of Shares | Derivative Security | Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) |   |
|--|---------------------------|-----------------|----------------------|----------------------------|---------------------|---|---|
| 2009 Restricted Stock Units <sup>(1)</sup> | 12/11/2010 <sup>(2)</sup> | 12/11/2019      | Class A Common Stock | 1,867                      | \$ 0                | D   | Â |
| 2008 Restricted Stock Units <sup>(3)</sup> | 12/11/2009 <sup>(4)</sup> | 12/11/2018      | Class A Common Stock | 1,125                      | \$ 0                | D   | Â |
| RSU 8-25-08 <sup>(5)</sup>                 | 08/25/2011 <sup>(6)</sup> | 08/24/2018      | Class A Common Stock | 940                        | \$ 0                | D   | Â |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                 | Relationships |           |                 |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|-----------------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer         | Other |
| Wheat Jamie L<br>1999 BROADWAY, SUITE 3700<br>DENVER, CO 80202 | Â             | Â         | Â<br>Controller | Â     |

## Signatures

Kenneth A. Olson Under POA for Jamie L. Wheat  
03/25/2010

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person
Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(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) Restricted Stock Units vest 25% per year from date of grant.
- (3) 1 for 1
- (4) Restricted Stock Units vest 25% per year from date of grant.
- (5) 1 for 1
- (6) 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.

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