

BERRY PETROLEUM CO
Form 8-K
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UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): **May 11, 2011**

BERRY PETROLEUM COMPANY

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

DELAWARE
(State or Other Jurisdiction of
Incorporation or
Organization)

1-9735
(Commission File Number)

77-0079387
(IRS Employer
Identification Number)

**1999 BROADWAY, SUITE 3700, DENVER,
COLORADO**
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

80202
(Zip Code)

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Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(303) 999-4400**

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Item 5.07. Submission of Matters to a Vote of Security Holders.

On May 11, 2011, Berry Petroleum Company (the Company or Berry) stockholders voted on four proposals and cast their votes as described below. The proposals are described in detail in the Company s definitive proxy statement on Schedule 14A filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on April 1, 2011.

Proposal 1

Berry stockholders elected ten individuals to the Board of Directors for the succeeding year or until their successors are duly qualified and elected as set forth below:

| Name | Votes For | Votes Against | Broker Non-Votes |
|----------------------|------------|---------------|------------------|
| Martin H. Young, Jr. | 45,158,909 | 282,111 | 2,493,205 |
| Robert F. Heinemann | 45,198,748 | 242,272 | 2,493,205 |
| Ralph B. Busch, III | 44,348,415 | 1,092,605 | 2,493,205 |
| William E. Bush, Jr. | 44,549,830 | 891,190 | 2,493,205 |
| Stephen L. Cropper | 45,308,164 | 132,856 | 2,493,205 |
| J. Herbert Gaul, Jr. | 45,181,044 | 259,976 | 2,493,205 |
| Stephen J. Hadden | 45,299,859 | 141,161 | 2,493,205 |
| Thomas J. Jamieson | 44,972,636 | 468,384 | 2,493,205 |
| J. Frank Keller | 45,069,671 | 371,349 | 2,493,205 |
| Michael S. Reddin | 45,325,097 | 115,923 | 2,493,205 |

Proposal 2

Berry stockholders ratified the appointment of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP as the Company s independent registered public accounting firm for the 2011 fiscal year as set forth below:

| Votes For | Votes Against | Abstentions | Broker Non-Votes |
|------------|---------------|-------------|------------------|
| 49,188,565 | 219,331 | 9,368 | 0 |

Proposal 3

The advisory vote by Berry stockholders on executive compensation was as set forth below:

| Votes For | Votes Against | Abstentions | Broker Non-Votes |
|------------|---------------|-------------|------------------|
| 43,033,630 | 2,284,536 | 37,465 | 2,493,205 |

Proposal 4

The advisory vote by Berry stockholders on the frequency of future advisory votes on executive compensation was as set forth below:

| 1 Year | 2 Years | 3 Years | Abstentions | Broker Non-Votes |
|---------------|----------------|----------------|--------------------|-------------------------|
| 37,523,328 | 1,494,990 | 6,286,672 | 50,641 | 2,493,205 |

In accordance with the Board of Director s recommendation as set forth in the 2011 proxy statement, and based on the voting results for this proposal, the Company determined that an advisory vote to approve the compensation of the named executive officers of the Company will be conducted on an annual basis, until the next advisory vote on this matter is held.

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

BERRY PETROLEUM COMPANY

By: */s/ Davis O O Connor*
Davis O O Connor
Corporate Secretary

Date: May 16, 2011