

BERRY PETROLEUM CO
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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
JAMIESON THOMAS J

(Last) (First) (Middle)

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

(Street)

DENVER, CA 80202

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
 (Month/Day/Year)
12/05/2008

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

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		
Class A Common Stock					33,800	I	Owned by corporation
Class A Common Stock					48,000	D	
Class A Common Stock					25,000	I	Owned by partnership
Class A	12/05/2008		P	5,000 A	\$ 6.62 108,062	I	Owned by

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Common Stock								Trust
Class A Common Stock	12/05/2008	P	7,600	A	\$ 6.765	115,662	I	Owned by Trust
Class A Common Stock	12/05/2008	P	2,400	A	\$ 6.77	118,062	I	Owned by Trust
Class A Common Stock	12/05/2008	P	100	A	\$ 6.7	118,162	I	Owned by Trust
Class A Common Stock	12/05/2008	P	9,752	A	\$ 6.71	127,914	I	Owned by Trust
Class A Common Stock	12/05/2008	P	148	A	\$ 6.72	128,062	I	Owned by Trust
Class A Common Stock	12/05/2008	P	10,000	A	\$ 6.9	138,062	I	Owned by Trust

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)
Nonstatutory Stock Options 12-2-2000	\$ 7.8438					Date Exercisable: 12/02/2000 Expiration Date: 12/02/2010	Class A Common Stock 10,000

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Nonstatutory Stock Options 12-2-01	\$ 7.725	12/02/2001	12/02/2011	Class A Common Stock	10,0
Nonstatutory Stock Options 12-2-02	\$ 8.07	12/02/2002	12/02/2012	Class A Common Stock	10,0
Nonstatutory Stock Options 12-2-03	\$ 9.61	12/02/2003	12/02/2013	Class A Common Stock	10,0
Nonstatutory Stock Options 12-2-04	\$ 21.77	12/02/2004	12/02/2014	Class A Common Stock	10,0
Nonstatutory Stock Option 12-15-05	\$ 30.645	12/15/2005	12/15/2015	Class A Common Stock	10,0
Phantom Stock Units <u>(1)</u>	\$ 0 <u>(2)</u>	08/08/1988 ⁽³⁾	08/08/1988 ⁽⁴⁾	Class A Common Stock	33,4
Nonstatutory Stock Option 12-15-06	\$ 32.565	12/15/2006	12/14/2016	Class A Common Stock	10,0
2007 Restricted Stock Unit <u>(5)</u>	\$ 0	01/01/2008 ⁽⁶⁾	12/13/2017 ⁽⁷⁾	Class A Common Stock	1,3
NSO 2007	\$ 43.61	12/14/2007	12/13/2017	Class A Common Stock	3,9

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
JAMIESON THOMAS J C/O BERRY PETROLEUM COMPANY 1999 BROADWAY, SUITE 3700 DENVER, CA 80202				

Signatures

Kenneth A Olson under POA for Thomas
Jamieson

12/08/2008

__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) Phantom Stock Units acquired under the Company's Non-Employee Director Deferred Compensation Plan in a transaction exempt under Rule 16b-3(c). Shares of Common Stock are issued under terms of the Plan upon resignation from the board of directors.
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- (5) 1 for 1
- (6) The RSU granted is 100% vested at the date of grant but the receipt of shares are subject to a deferral period which is generally at least four years from the grant date as per the deferral election.
- (7) 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.

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