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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)
12/15/2008

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)
 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 (Instr. 4)	
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	
Class A Common Stock					818	I	Held in the Participant's 401k Account	
Class A Common Stock	12/15/2008		M ⁽¹³⁾	400	A	\$ 8.74	3,978	D
Class A Common Stock	12/15/2008		M ⁽¹⁴⁾	500	A	\$ 8.74	4,478	D
	12/15/2008		F ⁽²¹⁾	281	D		4,197	D

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Class A
Common
Stock \$
8.74

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 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
Restricted Stock Unit 4-20-06 ⁽¹⁾	\$ 0 ⁽²⁾					04/20/2009 ⁽³⁾	04/19/2016 ⁽⁴⁾	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 ⁽⁵⁾	\$ 0 ⁽⁶⁾					01/01/2008 ⁽⁷⁾	12/13/2017 ⁽⁸⁾	Class A Common Stock
NSO 2007	\$ 43.61					12/14/2008	12/13/2017	Class A Common Stock

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- (12) 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.
- (13) Vested shares issued pursuant to Rule 16b-3 plan.
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- (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, 2006. Shares of Class A Common Stock will be delivered to the reporting person at the time of vesting.
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- (20) 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.
- (21) Shares withheld incident to vesting of RSUs for the payment of tax liability issued in accordance with Rule 16b-3.

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