

DUGINSKI MICHAEL
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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 *
DUGINSKI MICHAEL

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
C/O BERRY PETROLEUM COMPANY, 1999 BROADWAY, SUITE 3700

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
12/15/2009

____ Director
____ Officer (give title below) _____ 10% Owner
____ Other (specify below)
Exec. VP & COO

(Street)
DENVER, CO 80202

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
X Form filed by One Reporting Person
___ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

(City) (State) (Zip)

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) Code V Amount (D) Price			
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 Common Stock	12/15/2009		F ⁽¹⁹⁾	1,524 D \$	20,042	D	

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Common
Stock

28.5968

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

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	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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