

BERRY PETROLEUM CO  
Form 8-K  
August 04, 2009

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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): August 4, 2009

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)

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

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- o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition

On August 4, 2009, Berry Petroleum Company issued a news release announcing its financial and operational results for the second quarter ended June 30, 2009. These results are discussed in the news release attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1, which is incorporated by reference in its entirety.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

(d) Exhibits

99.1 - News Release by Berry Petroleum Company dated August 4, 2009, titled "Berry Petroleum Announces Results for Second Quarter of 2009; Lowers Operating Costs and Adds Bolt-on Acquisitions" announcing the Registrant's results for the second quarter ended June 30, 2009.

SIGNATURES

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

BERRY PETROLEUM COMPANY

By: /s/ Kenneth A. Olson  
Kenneth A. Olson  
Corporate Secretary

Date: August 4, 2009