# UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K/A

#### CURRENT REPORT

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

Date of Report: February 18,2005 (Date of Earliest Event Reported):(February 18,2005)

Berry Petroleum Company (Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

Delaware 1--9735 77-0079387 (State or Other (Commission File (IRS Employer Jurisdiction Number) Identification No.) of Incorporation)

5201 Truxtun Avenue, Suite 300 93309
Bakersfield, CA
(Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code: (661) 616-3900

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below):

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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 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure.

#### (c) Exhibits.

Exhibit 99 - News Release, dated January 18, 2005, announcing that the Company is postponing the release of 2004 earnings.

### 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 hereunto duly authorized.

## BERRY PETROLEUM COMPANY

Date: February 18, 2005 By: /s/ Kenneth A. Olsen

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#### BERRY PETROLEUM POSTPONES 2004 EARNINGS RELEASE

Bakersfield, CA - February 18, 2005 - Berry Petroleum Company (NYSE:BRY) is postponing its fourth quarter and year-end 2004 earnings news release and conference call due to delays caused by the additional heavy workload on the Company in finalizing the year-end results and the Section 404 of Sarbanes Oxley internal control report. Additionally, the Company is currently assessing its accounting method for allocating cogeneration costs between electricity and oil and gas operations. This assessment is not expected to impact the Company's net income or results of operations. Berry expects to report record net income and production for 2004 and plans to release earnings data in the near future. Additional details for the earnings conference call will be forthcoming.

Berry Petroleum Company is a publicly traded independent oil and gas production and exploitation company with headquarters in Bakersfield, California.