

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* GOEHRING RALPH J (Last) (First) (Middle) C/O BERRY PETROLEUM COMPANY 5201 TRUXTUN (Street) BAKERSFIELD CA 93309 (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol BERRY PETROLEUM CO [BRY]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) Executive VP
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 12/30/2008	
	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

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)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Class A Common Stock								70,498	D	
Class A Common Stock	12/30/2008		J		739 ⁽¹⁾	A	\$0	5,641	I	Held in 401(k) Plan

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 Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
				Code	V		(A)	(D)						Date Exercisable
Nonstatutory Stock Option 11-23-04	\$21.58						11/23/2005	08/30/2009	Class A Common Stock	17,500	17,500	D		
2005 Restricted Stock Units	\$0	12/30/2008		H		2,500	12/15/2006 ⁽²⁾	12/30/2008 ⁽³⁾	Class A Common Stock	2,500	\$0	0	D	
2006 Restricted Stock Units ⁽⁴⁾	\$0 ⁽⁵⁾	12/30/2008		E ⁽⁶⁾		5,000 ⁽⁷⁾	12/15/2007	12/30/2008 ⁽⁹⁾	Class A Common Stock	5,000	\$0 ⁽⁸⁾	0	D	
Nonstatutory Stock Option 12-15-05	\$30.645	12/30/2008 ⁽¹⁰⁾		E		10,000 ⁽¹¹⁾	12/15/2006	08/30/2009	Class A Common Stock	20,000	\$0 ⁽¹²⁾	10,000	D	
Nonstatutory Stock Option 12-15-06	\$32.565	12/30/2008 ⁽¹³⁾		E		20,000 ⁽¹⁴⁾	12/15/2007	08/30/2009	Class A Common Stock	40,000	\$0 ⁽¹⁵⁾	20,000	D	

Explanation of Responses:

- Shares of Common Stock acquired by the reporting person in the Company's 401(k) Plan. All transactions were at market and were non-discretionary.
- 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.
- Expiration of invested options and restricted stock units upon termination of employment.
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- Each RSU represents a contingent right to receive one share of Berry Petroleum Company Class A Common Stock
- Expiration of unvested options and restricted stock units upon termination of employment.
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Remarks:

Mr. Goehring's resignation as the Company's Executive Vice President and as an employee ended on 12-30-2008 as previously announced. His unvested options and RSU's were cancelled effective that date. His vested options are exercisable until 08-30-2008.

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

* 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).

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