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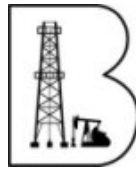
Washington, D.C. 20549

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): June 19, 2008



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)

5201 TRUXTUN AVE., STE. 300, BAKERSFIELD, CA
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

93309
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(661) 616-3900**

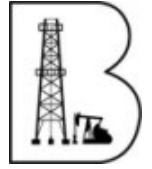
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Berry Petroleum Company News

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Berry Petroleum Announces Mr. David D. Wolf has been named to the position of Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

Bakersfield, Calif. -- (BUSINESS WIRE) – June 19, 2008 -- Bakersfield, CA - Today, Berry Petroleum Company announced that Mr. David D. Wolf has been named to the position of Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer. Mr. Wolf, age 37, has served as a Managing Director in JPMorgan's Oil and Gas Group and has been with that firm since 1995 where he has participated in numerous equity, debt and M&A transactions in the energy industry. Mr. Wolf holds a B.S. in Economics from Rollins College and an MBA in Finance from the Crummer Graduate School of Business at the same institution.

In his role at Berry, Mr. Wolf will be responsible for leading the Company's finance and accounting organization and will participate in representing Berry to investors, lenders and credit rating agencies. Mr. Wolf's employment with Berry Petroleum Company will commence upon his satisfaction of certain conditions of his prior employment, but in any event is expected to be on or before September 15, 2008.

Robert F. Heinemann, president and chief executive officer, stated that "We are very pleased that David is joining the team at Berry Petroleum Company. David's skills and experience in capital markets, finance, and mergers and acquisitions will further contribute to the ongoing growth of our Company and his perspective of the oil and gas industry will be invaluable. Mr. Wolf will be relocating to the Company's corporate headquarters in Denver, Colorado."

About Berry Petroleum Company

Berry Petroleum Company is a publicly traded independent oil and gas production and exploitation company with operations in California, Utah and Colorado.

Safe harbor under the "Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995"

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