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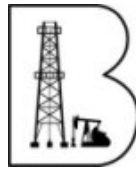
Washington, D.C. 20549

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): May 11, 2007



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**

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:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 2.01 Completion or Acquisition or Disposition of Assets

On May 11, 2007, Berry Petroleum Company (Company) issued a news release titled "Berry Petroleum Completes Sale of West Montalvo Assets" regarding the Company's sale of certain non-core West Montalvo assets, near Ventura, California, to Venoco, Inc. (NYSE:VQ). The sales price based on a January 1, 2007 effective date is \$63 million cash, subject to customary adjustments. The news release dated May 11, 2007 is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1, which is incorporated by reference in its entirety.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits

Exhibit No.	Description
99.1	News Release dated May 11, 2007 titled "Berry Petroleum Completes Sale of West Montalvo Assets".

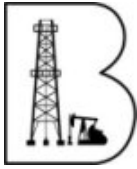
SIGNATURES

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: May 11, 2007



Berry Petroleum Company News

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Berry Petroleum Completes Sale of West Montalvo Assets

Bakersfield, Calif. -- (BUSINESS WIRE) -- May 11, 2007 -- Berry Petroleum Company (NYSE: BRY) today completed the previously announced sale of its non-core West Montalvo assets, near Ventura, California. The sales price based on the January 1, 2007 effective date is \$63 million, subject to customary adjustments.

About Berry Petroleum Company

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

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

Any statements in this news release that are not historical facts are forward-looking statements and indicate risk and uncertainty, and actual outcomes may differ from those indicated.

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