## FORM 4

## **UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

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## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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Name and Address of Reporting Person*     Bryant Joseph H					2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol BERRY PETROLEUM CO [ BRY ]									ck all applica Director	or		10% Ov	vner		
(Last) (First) (Middle) C/O BERRY PETROLEUM COMPANY 5201 TRUXTUN				3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 06/30/2008								Officer ( below)	give title		Other (s below)	specify				
IROXION					4. If	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)								6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)						
(Street) BAKERSFIELD CA 93309													X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person							
(City)	(Sta	ate) (	Zip)																	
		Tab	ole I - Nor	n-Deriv	ative	Se	curiti	es A	cquired, D	ispos	ed of,	or Bene	eficially	Owned						
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Trans Date (Month/		Day/Year) if		2A. Deemed Execution Date if any (Month/Day/Ye		Code (Ins	ion Dis			(A) or 3, 4 and 5)	Beneficial Owned Fo	ly	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)		7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership					
								Code	/ Am	nount	(A) or (D)	Price	Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)				(Instr. 4)			
									quired, Dis					Owned						
1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deeme Execution if any (Month/Day	Date,	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		n of E		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		nd	7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Numbe derivative Securities Beneficia Owned Following Reported Transacti (Instr. 4)	e s Illy	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)		
					Code		(A)	) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expira Date	ation	Title	Amount or Number of Shares							
Nonstatutory Stock Option 12- 15-05	\$30.645								12/15/2005	12/14	4/2015	Class A Common Stock	10,000		10,00	0	D			
Nonstatutory Stock Option 12- 15-06	\$32.565								12/15/2006	12/14	4/2016	Class A Common Stock	10,000		10,00	0	D			
NSO 2007	\$43.61								12/14/2007	12/13	3/2017	Class A Common Stock	3,956		3,956	6	D			
2007 Restricted Stock Unit <sup>(1)</sup>	\$0								01/01/2008 <sup>(2)</sup>	12/13/	/2017 <sup>(3)</sup>	Class A Common Stock	1,319		1,319	9	D			
Phantom	<b>co</b> (4)	06/30/2008		- 1			257		08/08/1088	l	R/1088	Class A	3 996	¢50 00	4 253		D			

## **Explanation of Responses:**

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- 2. The RSU granted is 100% vested at the date of grant but the receipt of shares are subject to a deferral period which is generally at least four years from the grant date as per the deferral election.
- 3. The RSU is subject to a deferral election. Shares of Class A Common Stock will be delivered to the reporting person as per the terms of the deferral election.
- 4. Phantom Stock Units acquired under the Company's Non-Employee Director Deferred Compensation Plan in a transaction exempt under Rule 16b-3(c). Shares of Common Stock are issued under terms of the Plan upon resignation from the board of directors.

Kenneth A Olson under POA for Joseph Bryant

Stock

07/01/2008

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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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