

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>Wilson Steven</u>			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>BERRY PETROLEUM CO [ BRY ]</u>			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) <b>Treasurer</b>		
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>12/05/2008</u>			6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		
<u>5201 TRUXTUN AVE., SUITE 300</u>			4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)					
(Street) <u>BAKERSFIELD CA 93309</u>								
(City) (State) (Zip)								

**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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Class A Common Stock								261	I	Held in the Participant's 401k Account
Class A Common Stock	12/05/2008		P		3,000	A	\$6.67	3,578	D	

**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	Expiration Date					
Nonstatutory Stock Option 11-23-04	\$21.58							11/23/2005	11/23/2014	Class A Common Stock	10,000	10,000	D	
Nonstatutory Stock Option 12-15-05	\$30.645							12/15/2006	12/15/2015	Class A Common Stock	4,000	4,000	D	
Nonstatutory Stock Option 12-15-06	\$32.565							12/15/2007	12/14/2016	Class A Common Stock	4,000	4,000	D	
2005 Restricted Stock Units	\$0 <sup>(1)</sup>							(2)	(3)	Class A Common Stock	800	800	D	
2006 Restricted Stock Units	\$0 <sup>(4)</sup>							(5)	(6)	Class A Common Stock	1,500	1,500	D	
Restricted Stock Unit 4-20-06	\$0 <sup>(7)</sup>							(8)	(9)	Class A Common Stock	2,400	2,400	D	
NSO 10-16-03 \$9.315	\$9.315							10/16/2004	10/16/2013	Class A Common Stock	5,000	5,000	D	
2007 Restricted Stock Unit	\$0							01/01/2008	12/13/2017	Class A Common Stock	1,147	1,147	D	
NSO 2007	\$43.61							12/14/2008	12/13/2017	Class A Common Stock	3,440	3,440	D	

**Explanation of Responses:**

- 1 for 1
- 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.
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- 8. Restricted Stock Units vest 100% three years from date of grant on 4/20/2009.
- 9. Restricted Stock Units vest 100% three years from date of grant. Shares of Class A Common Stock will be delivered to the reporting person at the time of vesting.

Kenneth A. Olson under POA  
for Steve B. Wilson

12/09/2008

\*\* 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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