

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>Wolf David D</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) <u>Exec VP and CFO</u>		
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>12/12/2008</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>1999 BROADWAY, SUITE 3700</u>			4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)					
(Street) <u>DENVER CO 80202</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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
<u>Class A Common Stock</u>								<u>39,300</u>	<u>D</u>	

**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	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				
<u>RSU 8-4-08<sup>(1)</sup></u>	<u>\$0</u>							<u>08/04/2011<sup>(2)</sup></u>	<u>08/03/2018<sup>(3)</sup></u>	<u>Class A Common Stock</u>	<u>30,355</u>		<u>30,355</u>	<u>D</u>	
<u>NSO</u>	<u>\$41.18</u>							<u>08/04/2011</u>	<u>08/03/2018</u>	<u>Class A Common Stock</u>	<u>89,084</u>		<u>89,084</u>	<u>D</u>	
<u>2008 Restricted Stock Units<sup>(4)</sup></u>	<u>\$0<sup>(5)</sup></u>	<u>12/12/2008</u>		<u>A</u>		<u>66,667<sup>(6)</sup></u>		<u>12/12/2009<sup>(7)</sup></u>	<u>12/11/2018<sup>(8)</sup></u>	<u>Class A Common Stock</u>	<u>66,667</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>66,667</u>	<u>D</u>	

**Explanation of Responses:**

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- 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.
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- Each RSU represents a contingent right to receive one share of Berry Petroleum Company Class A Common Stock
- Grant of Nonstatutory Stock Option (NSO) under the Company's 2005 Equity Incentive Plan in a transaction exempt under Rule 16b-3(c). Shares vest 25% per year from date of grant.
- The RSU granted vest 25% per year beginning one year after grant but the receipt of shares are subject to a deferral period which is generally at least four years from grant date as per the deferral election.
- 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.

Kenneth A. Olson under POA 12/15/2008  
for David D. Wolf

\*\* 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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