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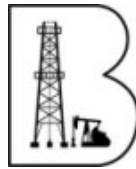
Washington, D.C. 20549

**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 26, 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)

**1999 BROADWAY, STE 3700, DENVER, CO**  
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

**80202**  
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(303) 825-3344**

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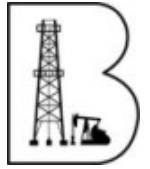
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## Berry Petroleum Company News

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### Shawn Canaday Promoted to Vice President of Berry Petroleum

**Bakersfield, Calif. -- (BUSINESS WIRE) – June 26, 2008 --** Berry Petroleum Company (NYSE:BRY) ("Company") today announced that Shawn M. Canaday, 32, has been promoted to vice president and controller effective immediately. Mr. Canaday will remain interim chief financial officer until such time as Mr. David D. Wolf assumes the roles of executive vice president and chief financial officer. Upon Mr. Wolf's joining the Company, Mr. Canaday will report to Mr. Wolf.

In announcing the promotion Mr. Robert F. Heinemann, president and chief executive officer, said, "Shawn has been a vital part of Berry's growth and success since joining the Company five years ago. His appointment to the role of vice president as well as his continued duties as controller is a reflection of his leadership ability and the increased responsibilities Shawn has undertaken. These responsibilities will continue to expand as the Company grows."

#### About Berry Petroleum Company

Berry Petroleum Company is a publicly traded independent oil and gas production and exploitation company.

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