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1. Name and Address <u>Robinson Ron</u>	1 0	*	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>BERRY PETROLEUM CO</u> [BRY]		5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) X Director 10% Owne				
(Last) 5201 TRUXTUN	(First) AVE., SUITE 300	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 03/31/2009		Officer (give title below)	Other (specify below)			
(Street) BAKERSFIELD		93309 (7ip)	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	6. Indiv Line) X	vidual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person				
(City)	(State)	(Zip) able I - Non-Deriva	ative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Benefic	ially C	wned				

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2A. Deemed Execution Date, 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) 5. Amount of Securities 6. Ownership Form: Direct 2. Transaction 7. Nature of Date Transaction ndirect (Month/Day/Year) if any (Month/Day/Year) Beneficially (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) Beneficial Code (Instr. Ownership (Instr. 4) 8) **Owned Following** Reported (A) or (D) Transaction(s) Code v Amount Price (Instr. 3 and 4) Class A Common Stock D 3,403

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. Transa Code (8)				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				
Nonstatutory Stock Option 12- 15-06	\$32.565							12/15/2006	12/14/2016	Class A Common Stock	10,000		10,000	D	
2007 Restricted Stock Unit ⁽¹⁾	\$0							01/01/2008 ⁽²⁾	12/13/2017 ⁽³⁾	Class A Common Stock	1,319		1,319	D	
NSO 2007	\$43.61							12/14/2007	12/13/2017	Class A Common Stock	3,956		3,956	D	
Phantom Stock Units	\$0 ⁽⁴⁾	03/31/2009		А		658		08/08/1988	08/08/1988	Class A Common Stock	8,871	\$10.96	9,529	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 Ronald J. Robinson

<u>04/02/2009</u>

Date

** Signature of Reporting Person

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

 \ast 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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