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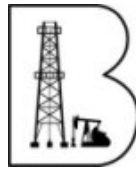
Washington, D.C. 20549

**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): October 20, 2006 (October 20, 2006)



**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)

**5201 TRUXTUN AVE., STE. 300, BAKERSFIELD, CA**  
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

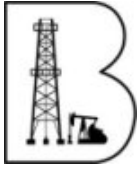
**93309**  
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(661) 616-3900**

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## News Release

### **Berry Petroleum Company**

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### **BERRY PETROLEUM ANNOUNCES PRICING OF SENIOR SUBORDINATED NOTES**

**Bakersfield, California, October 20, 2006** - Berry Petroleum Company (NYSE:BRY) announced today that it has priced its offering of \$200 million aggregate principal amount of Senior Subordinated Notes Due 2016, which will bear interest at a rate of 8.25% per year and are being sold at par. Berry expects to close the sale of the notes on October 24, 2006, subject to the satisfaction of customary closing conditions.

J.P. Morgan Securities Inc., Citigroup Global Markets Inc., Wells Fargo Securities, LLC and Goldman, Sachs & Co., are acting as joint book-running managers for the notes offering. A copy of the prospectus supplement and accompanying prospectus for the offering may be obtained on the SEC website at [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov). Alternatively, the underwriters will arrange to send you the prospectus supplement if you request it by contacting J.P. Morgan Securities Inc. at 270 Park Avenue, 8th Floor, New York, New York 10017, attention Syndicate Desk.

#### **About Berry Petroleum**

Berry Petroleum is an independent energy company headquartered in Bakersfield, California. The Company is engaged in the production, development, acquisition, exploitation of, and exploration for crude oil and natural gas primarily in California, Utah and Colorado. For further information, please visit [www.bry.com](http://www.bry.com).

*This announcement is neither an offer to sell nor a solicitation of an offer to buy any of the senior subordinated notes referred to above. An offering of any such securities will be made only by means of a prospectus. Any such prospectus shall not constitute an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to buy such securities in any state or jurisdiction in which such offer, solicitation or sale would be unlawful.*

#### **Forward-Looking Statements**

This release contains forward-looking statements concerning our expectations about the offering of the notes. These statements relate to future events. These statements are only predictions and involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors, including those discussed under "Risk factors" in the prospectus supplement and accompanying prospectus for the offering, which could cause our actual results to differ from those projected in any forward-looking statements we make. Forward-looking statements speak only as of the date of such statement. We do not plan to publicly update or revise any forward-looking statements after we distribute this prospectus, whether as a result of any new information, future events or otherwise. Readers should not place undue reliance on our forward-looking statements.

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