

BERRY PETROLEUM CO  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
**CRAWFORD GEORGE T**

(Last) (First) (Middle)

**C/O BERRY PETROLEUM  
COMPANY 5201 TRUXTUN**

(Street)

**BAKERSFIELD, CA 93309**

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
**BERRY PETROLEUM CO [BRY]**

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
**12/14/2007**

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
\_\_\_\_ Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)

VP of CA Production

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**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)
Class A Common Stock	12/14/2007		J <sup>(8)</sup>	37 <sup>(9)</sup> A \$ 0	2,370	I	Held in 401(k) Plan
Class A Common Stock	12/15/2007		M <sup>(10)</sup>	1,250 A \$ 43.61	1,250	D	
Class A Common Stock	12/15/2007		M <sup>(11)</sup>	1,500 A \$ 43.61	2,750	D	
Class A Common	12/15/2007		F <sup>(22)</sup>	1,259 D \$ 43.61	1,491	D	

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Stock

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

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**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 Underlying (Instr. 3 and 4)			
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title
Nonstatutory Stock Option	\$ 8.25					12/06/2003	12/06/2012			Class A Common Stock
Nonstatutory Stock Option	\$ 9.97					12/05/2004	12/05/2013			Class A Common Stock
Nonstatutory Stock Option	\$ 21.58					11/23/2005	11/23/2014			Class A Common Stock
Nonstatutory Stock Option	\$ 30.645					12/15/2006	12/15/2015			Class A Common Stock
Nonstatutory Stock Option	\$ 32.565					12/15/2007	12/14/2016			Class A Common Stock
2007 Restricted Stock Unit <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 0 <sup>(2)</sup>	12/14/2007		M <sup>(3)</sup>	4,759	<sup>(4)</sup>	12/13/2017 <sup>(5)</sup>			Class A Common Stock
NSO 2007	\$ 43.61	12/14/2007		M <sup>(6)</sup>	14,279	12/14/2008	12/13/2017			Class A Common Stock
2005 Restricted Stock Units <sup>(12)</sup>	\$ 0 <sup>(13)</sup>	12/15/2007		M <sup>(14)</sup>	1,250	<sup>(15)</sup>	<sup>(16)</sup>			Class A Common Stock
	\$ 0 <sup>(18)</sup>	12/15/2007		M <sup>(19)</sup>	1,500	<sup>(20)</sup>	<sup>(21)</sup>			



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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.

- (17) 1 for 1
- (18) Each RSU represents a contingent right to receive one share of Berry Petroleum Company Class A Common Stock
- (19) Vesting of 25% of RSUs granted 12-15-2006
- (20) The restricted stock units vests in four equal annual installments beginning December 15, 2007. Shares of Class A Common Stock will be delivered to the reporting person at the time of vesting.
- (21) The restricted stock units vests in four equal annual installments beginning December 15, 2007. Shares of Class A Common Stock will be delivered to the reporting person at the time of vesting.
- (22) Shares withheld incident to vesting of RSUs for the payment of tax liability issued in accordance with Rule 16b-3.

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