

BERRY PETROLEUM CO  
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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 \*  
**GOEHRING RALPH J**

(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)  
**03/18/2008**

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)  
Executive VP and CFO

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) |                             |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|-----------------------------|
|                                 |                                      |  | Code                           | V   | Amount  | (A) or (D)   | Price   |                             |
| Class A Common Stock            | 03/18/2008                           |  | M                              |   | 15,000  | A  | \$ 21.58  | 83,186 D                    |
| Class A Common Stock            | 03/18/2008                           |  | J                              | V   | 18 <sup>(9)</sup>   | A  | \$ 0  | 4,985 I Held in 401(k) Plan |
| Class A Common Stock            | 03/18/2008                           |  | S                              |   | 15,000  | D  | \$ 45.05  | 68,186 D                    |

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 Amount of Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4) |                      |                            |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|----------------------|----------------------------|
|  |  |                                      |  | Code                           | V (A) (D)   | Date Exercisable   | Expiration Date   | Title                | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Nonstatutory Stock Option                  | \$ 30.645  |                                      |  |                                |   | 12/15/2006   | 12/15/2015  | Class A Common Stock | 40,000                     |
| 2005 Restricted Stock Units <u>(1)</u>     | \$ 0 <u>(2)</u>  |                                      |  |                                |   | <u>(3)</u>   | <u>(4)</u>  | Class A Common Stock | 5,000                      |
| Nonstatutory Stock Option                  | \$ 32.565  |                                      |  |                                |   | 12/15/2007   | 12/14/2016  | Class A Common Stock | 40,000                     |
| 2006 Restricted Stock Units <u>(5)</u>     | \$ 0 <u>(6)</u>  |                                      |  |                                |   | <u>(7)</u>   | <u>(8)</u>  | Class A Common Stock | 7,500                      |
| Nonstatutory Stock Option                  | \$ 21.58   | 03/18/2008                           |  | M                              | 15,000  | 11/23/2005   | 11/23/2014  | Class A Common Stock | 15,000                     |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address  | Relationships |           |                      |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|----------------------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer              | Other |
| GOEHRING RALPH J<br>C/O BERRY PETROLEUM COMPANY 5201 TRUXTUN<br>BAKERSFIELD, CA 93309 |               |           | Executive VP and CFO |       |

## Signatures

Kenneth A Olson under POA for Ralph  
Goehring

03/20/2008

\_\_Signature of Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* 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).
- (1) 1 for 1
- (2) Each RSU represents a contingent right to receive one share of Berry Petroleum Company Class A Common Stock
- (3) 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.
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- (9) Shares of Common Stock acquired by the reporting person in the Company's 401(k) Plan. All transactions were at market and were non-discretionary.

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