

Wilson Steven
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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 *
Wilson Steven

(Last) (First) (Middle)
5201 TRUXTUN AVE., SUITE 300

(Street)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
12/31/2008

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)
 Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
Treasurer

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

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

BAKERSFIELD, CA 93309

(City) (State) (Zip)

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					3,578	D	
Class A Common Stock	12/31/2008		J	V <u>149</u> (21) A \$0	967	I	Held in the Participant's 401k Account

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)
Nonstatutory Stock Option 11-23-04	\$ 21.58					11/23/2005 11/23/2014	Class A Common Stock 10
Nonstatutory Stock Option 12-15-05	\$ 30.645					12/15/2006 12/15/2015	Class A Common Stock 4
Nonstatutory Stock Option 12-15-06	\$ 32.565					12/15/2007 12/14/2016	Class A Common Stock 4
2005 Restricted Stock Units <u>(1)</u>	\$ 0 <u>(2)</u>					12/15/2006 ⁽³⁾ 12/14/2015 ⁽⁴⁾	Class A Common Stock 4
2006 Restricted Stock Units <u>(5)</u>	\$ 0 <u>(6)</u>					12/15/2007 ⁽⁷⁾ 12/14/2016 ⁽⁸⁾	Class A Common Stock 1
Restricted Stock Unit 4-20-06 <u>(9)</u>	\$ 0 <u>(10)</u>					04/20/2009 ⁽¹¹⁾ 04/19/2016 ⁽¹²⁾	Class A Common Stock 2
NSO 10-16-03 \$9.315	\$ 9.315					10/16/2004 10/16/2013	Class A Common Stock 5
2007 Restricted Stock Unit <u>(13)</u>	\$ 0 <u>(14)</u>					01/01/2008 ⁽¹⁵⁾ 12/13/2017 ⁽¹⁶⁾	Class A Common Stock 1
NSO 2007	\$ 43.61					12/14/2008 12/13/2017	Class A Common Stock 3

2008
 Restricted Stock Units (17)
 \$ 0 (18)

12/12/2009(19) 12/11/2018(20)

Class A
 Common
 Stock

 Class A
 Common
 Stock

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Wilson Steven 5201 TRUXTUN AVE., SUITE 300 BAKERSFIELD, CA 93309			Treasurer	

Signatures

Kenneth A. Olson under POA for Steve B. Wilson	01/07/2009
<small>**Signature of Reporting Person</small>	<small>Date</small>

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) 1 for 1
- (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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- (5) 1 for 1
- (6) 1 for 1
- (7) 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.
- (8) 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.
- (9) 1 for 1
- (10) 1 for 1
- (11) Restricted Stock Units vest 100% three years from date of grant on 4/20/2009.
- (12) Restricted Stock Units vest 100% three years from date of grant. Shares of Class A Common Stock will be delivered to the reporting person at the time of vesting.
- (13) 1 for 1
- (14) Each RSU represents a contingent right to receive one share of Berry Petroleum Company Class A Common Stock
- (15)

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The RSU granted vest 25% per year beginning one year after grant but the receipt of shares are subject to a deferral period which is generally at least four years from grant date as per the deferral election.

- (16) 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.
- (17) 1 for 1
- (18) Each RSU represents a contingent right to receive one share of Berry Petroleum Company Class A Common Stock
- (19) The RSU granted vest 25% per year beginning one year after grant but the receipt of shares are subject to a deferral period which is generally at least four years from grant date as per the deferral election.
- (20) 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.
- (21) 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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