

BERRY PETROLEUM CO  
Form 8-K  
October 26, 2010

**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

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 26, 2010**

**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)

**1999 BROADWAY, SUITE 3700, DENVER,  
COLORADO**  
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

**80202**  
(Zip Code)

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Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(303) 999-4400**

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- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
  
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  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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**Item 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition**

On October 26, 2010 Berry Petroleum Company issued a news release announcing its financial and operational results for the third quarter ended September 30, 2010. These results are discussed in the news release attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1, which is incorporated by reference in its entirety.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits**

(d) Exhibits

99.1 - News Release by Berry Petroleum Company dated October 26, 2010 titled Berry Petroleum Announces Results for Third Quarter of 2010 announcing the Registrant's results for the third quarter ended September 30, 2010.

**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereto duly authorized.

**BERRY PETROLEUM COMPANY**

By: */s/ Davis O O Connor*  
Davis O O Connor  
Secretary

Date: October 26, 2010