

Robinson Ronald J
Form 4
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FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

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1(b).

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
Robinson Ronald J

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
09/30/2008

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

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
X 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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
Class A Common Stock			Code	V Amount (D) Price	403	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)

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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)	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Nonstatutory Stock Option 12-15-06	\$ 32.565							Class A Common Stock	10,000
2007 Restricted Stock Unit ⁽¹⁾	\$ 0							Class A Common Stock	1,300
NSO 2007	\$ 43.61							Class A Common Stock	3,900
Phantom Stock Units ⁽⁴⁾	\$ 0	09/30/2008		A		89		Class A Common Stock	54,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Robinson Ronald J 5201 TRUXTUN AVE., SUITE 300 BAKERSFIELD, CA 93309				

Signatures

Kenneth A. Olson under POA for Ronald J. Robinson

10/02/2008

 **Signature of Reporting Person

Date _____

Explanation of Responses:

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(2) The RSU granted is 100% vested at the date of grant but the receipt of shares are subject to a deferral period which is generally at least four years from the grant date as per the deferral election.

(3)

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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.

- (4) Phantom Stock Units acquired under the Company's Non-Employee Director Deferred Compensation Plan in a transaction exempt under Rule 16b-3(c). Shares of Common Stock are issued under terms of the Plan upon resignation from the board of directors.

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