

Wilson Steven
Form 4
December 09, 2008

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 *
Wilson Steven

(Last) (First) (Middle)

5201 TRUXTUN AVE., SUITE 300

(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)

12/05/2008

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 ____ Other (specify
below) below)

Treasurer

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
X Form filed by One Reporting Person
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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					261	I	Held in the Participant's 401k Account
Class A Common Stock	12/05/2008		P	3,000 A	\$ 6.67 3,578	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 Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title Amount or Number of Shares
Nonstatutory Stock Option 11-23-04	\$ 21.58					11/23/2005 11/23/2014	Class A Common Stock 10,000
Nonstatutory Stock Option 12-15-05	\$ 30.645					12/15/2006 12/15/2015	Class A Common Stock 4,000
Nonstatutory Stock Option 12-15-06	\$ 32.565					12/15/2007 12/14/2016	Class A Common Stock 4,000
2005 Restricted Stock Units	\$ 0 ⁽¹⁾					⁽²⁾ ⁽³⁾	Class A Common Stock 800
2006 Restricted Stock Units	\$ 0 ⁽⁴⁾					⁽⁵⁾ ⁽⁶⁾	Class A Common Stock 1,500
Restricted Stock Unit 4-20-06	\$ 0 ⁽⁷⁾					⁽⁸⁾ ⁽⁹⁾	Class A Common Stock 2,400
NSO 10-16-03 \$9.315	\$ 9.315					10/16/2004 10/16/2013	Class A Common Stock 5,000
2007 Restricted Stock Unit	\$ 0					01/01/2008 12/13/2017	Class A Common Stock 1,147
NSO 2007	\$ 43.61					12/14/2008 12/13/2017	Class A Common Stock 3,440

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 12/09/2008

__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) 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.
- (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.
- (4) 1 for 1
- (5) 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.
- (6) 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.
- (7) 1 for 1
- (8) Restricted Stock Units vest 100% three years from date of grant on 4/20/2009.
- (9) 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.

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