

HEINEMANN ROBERT  
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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 \*  
**HEINEMANN ROBERT**

(Last) (First) (Middle)

**C/O BERRY PETROLEUM COMPANY, 1999 BROADWAY, SUITE 3700**

(Street)

**DENVER, CO 80202**

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
**12/15/2009**

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)  
**President and CEO**

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					10,729	I	Held in 401(k) Plan	
Class A Common Stock	12/15/2009		M <sup>(14)</sup>	5,000	A	\$ 28.145	22,503	D
Class A Common Stock	12/15/2009		M <sup>(15)</sup>	5,000	A	\$ 28.145	27,503	D
Class A Common Stock	12/15/2009		F <sup>(24)</sup>	3,760	D	\$	23,743	D

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Common  
Stock

28.5968

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 Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title
Nonstatutory Stock Options 12-2-02	\$ 8.07					12/02/2002	12/02/2012	Class A Common Stock
Nonstatutory Stock Options 12-2-03	\$ 9.61					12/02/2003	12/02/2013	Class A Common Stock
Nonstatutory Stock Option 6-16-04	\$ 14.375					06/16/2005	06/16/2014	Class A Common Stock
Nonstatutory Stock Option 11-23-04	\$ 21.58					11/23/2005	11/23/2014	Class A Common Stock
Nonstatutory Stock Option 12-15-05	\$ 30.645					12/15/2006	12/15/2015	Class A Common Stock
Phantom Stock Units <u>(1)</u>	\$ 0					08/08/1988	08/08/1988	Class A Common Stock
Restricted Stock Unit	\$ 0 <sup>(3)</sup>					01/31/2010 <sup>(4)</sup>	06/22/2016 <sup>(5)</sup>	Class A Common Stock
	\$ 32.565					12/15/2007	12/14/2016	

Nonstatutory Stock Option 12-15-06								Class A Common Stock
2007 Restricted Stock Unit <sup>(6)</sup>	\$ 0 <sup>(7)</sup>				12/14/2008 <sup>(8)</sup>	12/13/2017 <sup>(9)</sup>		Class A Common Stock
NSO 2007	\$ 43.61				12/14/2008	12/13/2017		Class A Common Stock
2008 Restricted Stock Units <sup>(10)</sup>	\$ 0 <sup>(11)</sup>				12/12/2009 <sup>(12)</sup>	12/11/2018 <sup>(13)</sup>		Class A Common Stock
2009 Restricted Stock Units	\$ 0				12/11/2010	12/11/2019		Class A Common Stock
2005 Restricted Stock Units <sup>(16)</sup>	\$ 0 <sup>(17)</sup>	12/15/2009	M	5,000	12/15/2006 <sup>(18)</sup>	12/14/2014 <sup>(19)</sup>		Class A Common Stock
2006 Restricted Stock Units <sup>(20)</sup>	\$ 0 <sup>(21)</sup>	12/15/2009	M	5,000	12/15/2007 <sup>(22)</sup>	12/14/2016 <sup>(23)</sup>		Class A Common Stock

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
HEINEMANN ROBERT C/O BERRY PETROLEUM COMPANY 1999 BROADWAY, SUITE 3700 DENVER, CO 80202			President and CEO	

## Signatures

Kenneth A Olson under POA for Robert  
Heinemann 12/17/2009

<sup>(1)</sup>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) 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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- (3) Each RSU represents a contingent right to receive one share of Berry Petroleum Company Class A Common Stock
- (4) The restricted stock units vest in one installment on January 31, 2010 provided the reporting person continues to serve as the CEO of the Company on such date, or earlier on certain conditions.
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- (6) 1 for 1
- (7) Each RSU represents a contingent right to receive one share of Berry Petroleum Company Class A Common Stock
- (8) 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.
- (9) 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.
- (10) 1 for 1
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- (12) 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.
- (13) 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.
- (14) Vesting of 25% of RSUs granted 12-15-2006
- (15) Vested shares issued pursuant to Rule 16b-3 plan.
- (16) 1 for 1
- (17) Each RSU represents a contingent right to receive one share of Berry Petroleum Company Class A Common Stock
- (18) 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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- (20) 1 for 1
- (21) Each RSU represents a contingent right to receive one share of Berry Petroleum Company Class A Common Stock
- (22) 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.
- (23) 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.
- (24) Shares sold to cover taxes on RSU vesting under Rule 16b-3 Plan.

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