

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

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)  
 C/O BERRY PETROLEUM COMPANY, 1999 BROADWAY, SUITE 3700  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 09/01/2009

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 \_\_\_\_ Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 Treasurer

DENVER, CO 80202

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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(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)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
				Code	V	Amount	
Class A Common Stock	09/01/2009		M		2,500	A	\$ 9,315 8,542 D
Class A Common Stock	09/01/2009		J <sup>(5)</sup>		64 <sup>(6)</sup>	A	\$ 0 2,052 I Held in the Participant's 401k Account
Class A Common Stock	09/01/2009		S		2,500	D	\$ 23.25 6,042 D

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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)
Nonstatutory Stock Option 11-23-04	\$ 21.58					11/23/2005 09/10/2009	Class A Common Stock
Nonstatutory Stock Option 12-15-05	\$ 30.645					12/15/2006 02/10/2010	Class A Common Stock
Nonstatutory Stock Option 12-15-06	\$ 32.565					12/15/2007 02/10/2010	Class A Common Stock
2007 Restricted Stock Unit <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 0 <sup>(2)</sup>					01/01/2008 <sup>(3)</sup> 01/08/2010 <sup>(4)</sup>	Class A Common Stock
NSO 2007	\$ 43.61					12/14/2008 02/10/2010	Class A Common Stock
NSO 10-16-03 \$9.315	\$ 9.315	09/01/2009		M	2,500	10/16/2004 09/10/2009	Class A Common Stock

**Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Wilson Steven C/O BERRY PETROLEUM COMPANY 1999 BROADWAY, SUITE 3700			Treasurer	

DENVER, CO 80202

## Signatures

Kenneth A. Olson under POA for Steve B.  
Wilson

09/01/2009

\_\_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) Each RSU represents a contingent right to receive one share of Berry Petroleum Company Class A Common Stock
- (3) 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.
- (4) 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.
- (5) 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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