

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

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

(Street)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
12/05/2008

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)
 Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
Treasurer

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 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 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⁾ | | | | | <u>(2)</u> | <u>(3)</u> | Class A Common Stock | 800 |
| 2006 Restricted Stock Units | \$ 0 ⁽⁴⁾ | | | | | <u>(5)</u> | <u>(6)</u> | Class A Common Stock | 1,500 |
| Restricted Stock Unit 4-20-06 | \$ 0 ⁽⁷⁾ | | | | | <u>(8)</u> | <u>(9)</u> | 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

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|---|------------|
| Kenneth A. Olson under POA for Steve B. Wilson | 12/09/2008 |
| <u> </u> 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.
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- (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.
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- (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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