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(Print or Type Res	ponses)									
1. Name and Address of Reporting Person <u>*</u> Bryant Joseph H			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol BERRY PETROLEUM CO [BRY]				5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer			
(Last) C/O BERRY F COMPANY 5	PETROLEUM	Middle) N	3. Date of 1 (Month/Da 12/31/20	-	nsaction		Director	ck all applicable title 10% below)	6 Owner	
BAKERSFIEI	(Street)	Filed(Mont			e Original		 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting 			
(City)		(Zip)	T -11-	LN.D		••••	Person	f Dan effet al		
1.Title of 2 Security ((Instr. 3)	(State) 2. Transaction Dat Month/Day/Year)	e 2A. Deer Executio any		3. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securit	ies (A) or of (D)	quired, Disposed o 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)		ly Owned 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
Class A Common Stock							0	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)	Code	5. Number for 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 An Underlying Sec (Instr. 3 and 4)
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	A Title N o
Nonstatutory Stock Option 12-15-05	\$ 30.645					12/15/2005	12/14/2015	Class A Common Stock
Nonstatutory Stock Option 12-15-06	\$ 32.565					12/15/2006	12/14/2016	Class A Common Stock
NSO 2007	\$ 43.61					12/14/2007	12/13/2017	Class A Common Stock
2007 Restricted Stock Unit (1)	\$ 0					01/01/2008(2)	12/13/2017 <u>(3)</u>	Class A Common Stock
Phantom Stock Units (4)	\$ 0	12/31/2008		А	2,021	08/08/1988	08/08/1988	Class A Common Stock

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address		Relationships						
	Directo	or 10% Owner	Officer	Other				
Bryant Joseph H C/O BERRY PETROLEUM COMPANY 5201 TRU BAKERSFIELD, CA 93309	RRY PETROLEUM COMPANY 5201 TRUXTUN							
Signatures								
Kenneth A Olson under POA for Joseph Bryant	01/05/2009							
**Signature of Reporting Person	Date							
Explanation of Responses:								

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

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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) 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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