

BERRY PETROLEUM CO  
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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 \*  
**GOEHRING RALPH J**

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O BERRY PETROLEUM  
 COMPANY 5201 TRUXTUN

(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)  
**03/25/2009**

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)  
 Former Exec VP

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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 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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|--|
| Class A Common Stock            |                                      |  |                                | (A) or (D)  | Price   |  | Held in 401(k) Plan                        |
| Class A Common Stock            | 03/25/2009                           |  | S                              | 200   | D \$ 10.54  | 70,298   | D  |
| Class A Common Stock            | 03/25/2009                           |  | S                              | 400   | D \$ 10.55  | 69,898   | D  |
| Class A Common Stock            | 03/25/2009                           |  | S                              | 2,500   | D \$ 10.56  | 67,398   | D  |

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|----------------------------|------------|---|-------|---|--------------|--------|--|---|
| Stock                      |            |   |       |   |              |        |  |   |
| Class A<br>Common<br>Stock | 03/25/2009 | S | 300   | D | \$<br>10.565 | 67,098 |  | D |
| Class A<br>Common<br>Stock | 03/25/2009 | S | 1,100 | D | \$ 10.57     | 65,998 |  | D |
| Class A<br>Common<br>Stock | 03/25/2009 | S | 200   | D | \$ 10.58     | 65,798 |  | D |
| Class A<br>Common<br>Stock | 03/25/2009 | S | 1,100 | D | \$<br>10.585 | 64,698 |  | D |
| Class A<br>Common<br>Stock | 03/25/2009 | S | 104   | D | \$ 10.59     | 64,594 |  | D |
| Class A<br>Common<br>Stock | 03/25/2009 | S | 608   | D | \$ 10.6      | 63,986 |  | D |
| Class A<br>Common<br>Stock | 03/25/2009 | S | 300   | D | \$ 10.61     | 63,686 |  | D |
| Class A<br>Common<br>Stock | 03/25/2009 | S | 500   | D | \$ 10.62     | 63,186 |  | D |
| Class A<br>Common<br>Stock | 03/25/2009 | S | 100   | D | \$<br>10.625 | 63,086 |  | D |
| Class A<br>Common<br>Stock | 03/25/2009 | S | 600   | D | \$ 10.63     | 62,486 |  | D |
| Class A<br>Common<br>Stock | 03/25/2009 | S | 300   | D | \$ 10.64     | 62,186 |  | D |
| Class A<br>Common<br>Stock | 03/25/2009 | S | 100   | D | \$<br>10.655 | 62,086 |  | D |
| Class A<br>Common<br>Stock | 03/25/2009 | S | 100   | D | \$ 10.66     | 61,986 |  | D |
| Class A<br>Common<br>Stock | 03/25/2009 | S | 300   | D | \$ 10.67     | 61,686 |  | D |

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|----------------------------|------------|---|-----|---|----------|--------|---|
| Class A<br>Common<br>Stock | 03/25/2009 | S | 900 | D | \$ 10.69 | 60,786 | D |
| Class A<br>Common<br>Stock | 03/25/2009 | S | 100 | D | \$ 10.7  | 60,686 | D |
| Class A<br>Common<br>Stock | 03/25/2009 | S | 188 | D | \$ 10.71 | 60,498 | 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) |                            |                            |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|----------------------------|----------------------------|
|  |  |                                      |  |                                |   | Date Exercisable   | Expiration Date   | Title                      | Amount or Number of Shares |
|  |  |                                      |  |                                |   | Code   | V (A) (D)   |                            |                            |
| Nonstatutory Stock Option 11-23-04         | \$ 21.58   |                                      |  |                                |   | 11/23/2005 08/30/2009                                    |   | Class A<br>Common<br>Stock | 17,500                     |
| Nonstatutory Stock Option 12-15-05         | \$ 30.645  |                                      |  |                                |   | 12/15/2006 12/15/2015                                    |   | Class A<br>Common<br>Stock | 20,000                     |
| Nonstatutory Stock Option 12-15-06         | \$ 32.565  |                                      |  |                                |   | 12/15/2007 12/14/2016                                    |   | Class A<br>Common<br>Stock | 40,000                     |

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

GOEHRING RALPH J  
C/O BERRY PETROLEUM COMPANY 5201 TRUXTUN  
BAKERSFIELD, CA 93309

Former Exec VP

## Signatures

Kenneth A Olson under POA for Ralph  
Goehring

03/26/2009

\_\_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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