

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 \*  
Wilson Steven

(Last) (First) (Middle)

5201 TRUXTUN AVE., SUITE 300

(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)  
09/28/2007

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)  
Treasurer

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)  
\_X\_ 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                                                                                        | (D)                                                      | Price                                                 |
| Class A Common Stock            |                                      |                                                    |                                |                                                                   | 0                                                                                             | D                                                        |                                                       |
| Class A Common Stock            | 09/28/2007                           |                                                    | J                              | V                                                                 | 2 <sup>(10)</sup>                                                                             | D                                                        | \$ 0 261                                              |
|                                 |                                      |                                                    |                                |                                                                   |                                                                                               | I                                                        | Held in the Participant's 401k Account                |

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                  | \$ 21.58                                               |                                      |                                                    |                                |                                                                                         | 11/23/2005                                               | 11/23/2014                                                    | Class A Common Stock | 10,000                     |
| Nonstatutory Stock Option                  | \$ 30.645                                              |                                      |                                                    |                                |                                                                                         | 12/15/2006                                               | 12/15/2015                                                    | Class A Common Stock | 4,000                      |
| Nonstatutory Stock Option                  | \$ 32.565                                              |                                      |                                                    |                                |                                                                                         | 12/15/2007                                               | 12/14/2016                                                    | Class A Common Stock | 4,000                      |
| Restricted Stock Units                     | \$ 0 <sup>(1)</sup>                                    |                                      |                                                    |                                |                                                                                         | <u>(2)</u>                                               | <u>(3)</u>                                                    | Class A Common Stock | 1,200                      |
| Restricted Stock Units                     | \$ 0 <sup>(4)</sup>                                    |                                      |                                                    |                                |                                                                                         | <u>(5)</u>                                               | <u>(6)</u>                                                    | Class A Common Stock | 2,000                      |
| Restricted Stock Unit                      | \$ 0 <sup>(7)</sup>                                    |                                      |                                                    |                                |                                                                                         | <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                      |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships |           |         |           |
|--------------------------------|---------------|-----------|---------|-----------|
|                                | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other     |
|                                |               |           |         | Treasurer |

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## Signatures

Kenneth A. Olson under POA for Steve B.  
Wilson

10/01/2007

\_\_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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- (4) 1 for 1
- (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.
- (10) Changes in the number of shares of Common Stock held in the individuals 401(k) account due to required maintenance of cash position. All transactions were at market and non-discretionary.

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