#### BERRY PETROLEUM CO

Form 4

March 28, 2008

## FORM 4

### UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person ** GOEHRING RALPH J | 2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading<br>Symbol<br>BERRY PETROLEUM CO [BRY] | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  (Check all applicable)  Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify below) |  |  |
|---|---|--|--|--|
| (Last) (First) (Middle)                                     | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction   |  |  |  |
| C/O BERRY PETROLEUM<br>COMPANY 5201 TRUXTUN                 | (Month/Day/Year)<br>03/27/2008  |  |  |  |
| (Street)  | 4. If Amendment, Date Original  | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check  |  |  |
| BAKERSFIELD, CA 93309                                       | Filed(Month/Day/Year)   | Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person                                   |  |  |
| (City) (State) (Zip)  | Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acc   | quired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owne  |  |  |

| (City)                               | (State) (Z                              | Zip) Table  | I - Non- | De  | rivative S | ecurit   | ties Aco   | quired, Disposed o  | of, or Beneficial | ly Owned                  |
|--------------------------------------|---|---|----------|---|------------|--|--|---|-------------------|---------------------------|
| 1.Title of<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | Code     | 3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or |            | 5. Amount of<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported | 6. Ownership<br>Form: Direct<br>(D) or<br>Indirect (I)<br>(Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of<br>Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |                   |                           |
| Class A<br>Common<br>Stock           |   |   | Code     | V   | Amount     | or (D)   | Price  | Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) 4,975                             | I                 | Held in<br>401(k)<br>Plan |
| Class A<br>Common<br>Stock           | 03/27/2008                              |   | G        | V   | 200        | D  | \$0  | 67,986  | 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<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2.<br>Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | 3. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 4.<br>Transactic<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 5. orNumber of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) |                     | e                  | 7. Title and Underlying (Instr. 3 and | Securities                          |
|---|---|---|---|--|---|---------------------|--------------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
|   |   |   |   | Code V                                 | (A) (D)   | Date<br>Exercisable | Expiration<br>Date | Title                                 | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of Shares |
| Nonstatutory<br>Stock Option<br>11-23-04            | \$ 21.58  |   |   |  |   | 11/23/2005          | 11/23/2014         | Class A<br>Common<br>Stock            | 17,500                              |
| Nonstatutory<br>Stock Option<br>12-15-05            | \$ 30.645   |   |   |  |   | 12/15/2006          | 12/15/2015         | Class A<br>Common<br>Stock            | 40,000                              |
| 2005<br>Restricted<br>Stock Units                   | \$ 0 (2)  |   |   |  |   | (3)                 | <u>(4)</u>         | Class A<br>Common<br>Stock            | 5,000                               |
| Nonstatutory<br>Stock Option<br>12-15-06            | \$ 32.565   |   |   |  |   | 12/15/2007          | 12/14/2016         | Class A<br>Common<br>Stock            | 40,000                              |
| 2006<br>Restricted<br>Stock Units                   | \$ 0 (6)  |   |   |  |   | <u>(7)</u>          | (8)                | Class A<br>Common<br>Stock            | 7,500                               |

# **Reporting Owners**

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

GOEHRING RALPH J

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

Executive VP and CFO

Relationshine

## **Signatures**

Kenneth A Olson under POA for Ralph Goehring 03/28/2008

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person Date

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- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
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- (1) 1 for 1
- (2) Each RSU represents a contingent right to receive one share of Berry Petroleum Company Class A Common Stock
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