

BERRY PETROLEUM CO
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FORM 4

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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)
12/30/2008

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)
Executive VP

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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				(A) or (D) Price	70,498	D	
Class A Common Stock	12/30/2008		J	739 ⁽¹⁾ A \$ 0	5,641	I	Held in 401(k) Plan

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 Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4)
Nonstatutory Stock Option 11-23-04	\$ 21.58					11/23/2005	Class A Common Stock
2005 Restricted Stock Units	\$ 0	12/30/2008		H	2,500	12/15/2006 ⁽²⁾	Class A Common Stock
2006 Restricted Stock Units ⁽⁴⁾	\$ 0 ⁽⁵⁾	12/30/2008		E ⁽⁶⁾	5,000 ⁽⁷⁾	12/15/2007	Class A Common Stock
Nonstatutory Stock Option 12-15-05	\$ 30.645	12/30/2008 ⁽¹⁰⁾		E	10,000 ⁽¹¹⁾	12/15/2006	Class A Common Stock
Nonstatutory Stock Option 12-15-06	\$ 32.565	12/30/2008 ⁽¹³⁾		E	20,000 ⁽¹⁴⁾	12/15/2007	Class A Common Stock

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			Executive VP	

Signatures

Kenneth A Olson under POA for Ralph Goehring
Date: 01/06/2009

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. *See* 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) Shares of Common Stock acquired by the reporting person in the Company's 401(k) Plan. All transactions were at market and were non-discretionary.
- (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.
- (3) Expiration of unvested options and restricted stock units upon termination of employment.
- (4) 1 for 1
- (5) Each RSU represents a contingent right to receive one share of Berry Petroleum Company Class A Common Stock
- (6) Expiration of unvested options and restricted stock units upon termination of employment.
- (7) Expiration of unvested options and restricted stock units upon termination of employment.
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- (13) Expiration of unvested options and restricted stock units upon termination of employment.
- (14) Expiration of unvested options and restricted stock units upon termination of employment.
- (15) Expiration of unvested options and restricted stock units upon termination of employment.

Remarks:

Mr. Goehring's resignation as the Company's Executive Vice President and as an employee ended on 12-30-2008 as previously

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