

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)  
**12/15/2008**

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)  
 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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V Amount (D) Price			
Class A Common Stock					4,902	I	Held in 401(k) Plan
Class A Common Stock	12/15/2008		M <sup>(1)</sup>	2,500 A \$ 8.74	70,286	D	
Class A Common Stock	12/15/2008		M <sup>(2)</sup>	2,500 A \$ 8.74	72,786	D	
Class A Common	12/15/2008		F <sup>(11)</sup>	2,288 D \$ 8.74	70,498	D	

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Stock

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 11/23/2014	Class A Common Stock
Nonstatutory Stock Option 12-15-05	\$ 30.645					12/15/2006 12/15/2015	Class A Common Stock
Nonstatutory Stock Option 12-15-06	\$ 32.565					12/15/2007 12/14/2016	Class A Common Stock
2005 Restricted Stock Units <sup>(3)</sup>	\$ 0 <sup>(4)</sup>	12/15/2008		M	2,500	12/15/2006 <sup>(5)</sup> 12/14/2015 <sup>(6)</sup>	Class A Common Stock
2006 Restricted Stock Units <sup>(7)</sup>	\$ 0 <sup>(8)</sup>	12/15/2008		M	2,500	12/15/2007 <sup>(9)</sup> 12/14/2016 <sup>(10)</sup>	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			Executive VP	

BAKERSFIELD, CA 93309

## Signatures

Kenneth A Olson under POA for Ralph  
Goehring

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) Vested shares issued pursuant to Rule 16b-3 plan.
- (2) Vested shares issued pursuant to Rule 16b-3 plan.
- (3) 1 for 1
- (4) Each RSU represents a contingent right to receive one share of Berry Petroleum Company Class A Common Stock
- (5) 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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- (7) 1 for 1
- (8) Each RSU represents a contingent right to receive one share of Berry Petroleum Company Class A Common Stock
- (9) 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.
- (10) 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.
- (11) Shares withheld incident to vesting of RSUs for the payment of tax liability issued in accordance with Rule 16b-3.

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