

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 *
DUGINSKI MICHAEL

(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)
12/31/2007

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)
Chief Oper. Officer & Exec. VP

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| | | | Code | V Amount (D) Price | | | |
| Class A Common Stock | | | | | 13,122 | D | |
| Class A Common Stock | 12/31/2007 | | J | V 14 ⁽¹³⁾ D \$ 0 | 7,848 | 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 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 | \$ 7.445 | | | | | 02/01/2003 | 02/01/2012 | Class A Common Stock | 20,000 |
| Nonstatutory Stock Option | \$ 8.25 | | | | | 12/06/2003 | 12/06/2012 | Class A Common Stock | 30,000 |
| Nonstatutory Stock Option | \$ 9.97 | | | | | 12/05/2004 | 12/05/2013 | Class A Common Stock | 60,000 |
| Nonstatutory Stock Option | \$ 21.58 | | | | | 11/23/2005 | 11/23/2014 | Class A Common Stock | 70,000 |
| Nonstatutory Stock Option | \$ 30.645 | | | | | 12/15/2006 | 12/15/2015 | Class A Common Stock | 50,000 |
| 2005 Restricted Stock Units ⁽¹⁾ | \$ 0 ⁽²⁾ | | | | | ⁽³⁾ | ⁽⁴⁾ | Class A Common Stock | 5,000 |
| Nonstatutory Stock Option | \$ 32.565 | | | | | 12/15/2007 | 12/14/2016 | Class A Common Stock | 56,000 |
| 2006 Restricted Stock Units ⁽⁵⁾ | \$ 0 ⁽⁶⁾ | | | | | ⁽⁷⁾ | ⁽⁸⁾ | Class A Common Stock | 7,500 |
| 2007 Restricted Stock Unit ⁽⁹⁾ | \$ 0 ⁽¹⁰⁾ | | | | | ⁽¹¹⁾ | 12/13/2017 ⁽¹²⁾ | Class A Common Stock | 12,030 |
| NSO 2007 | \$ 43.61 | | | | | 12/14/2008 | 12/13/2017 | | 36,130 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|--------------|-----------------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| DUGINSKI MICHAEL C/O BERRY PETROLEUM COMPANY 5201 TRUXTUN BAKERSFIELD, CA 93309 | | | Chief Oper. Officer & Exec. VP | |

Signatures

Kenneth A Olson under POA for Michael
Duginski

01/07/2008

__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) Each RSU represents a contingent right to receive one share of Berry Petroleum Company Class A Common Stock
- (3) 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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- (9) 1 for 1
- (10) Each RSU represents a contingent right to receive one share of Berry Petroleum Company Class A Common Stock
- (11) The RSU granted vest 25% per year beginning one year after grant but the receipt of shares are subject to a deferral period which is generally at least four years from grant date as per the deferral election.
- (12) The RSU is subject to a deferral election. Shares of Class A Common Stock will be delivered to the reporting person as per the terms of the deferral election.
- (13) 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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