BERRY PETROLEUM CO

Form 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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Class A

Stock

Common

12/31/2007

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Canaday Shawn Michael Issuer Symbol BERRY PETROLEUM CO [BRY] (Check all applicable) (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) Director 10% Owner Other (specify Officer (give title C/O BERRY PETROLEUM 12/31/2007 below) below) COMPANY, 5201 TRUXTUN Controller AVE., SUITE 300 (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting BAKERSFIELD, CA 93309 (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 1.Title of 7. Nature of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 3. 4. Securities 5. Amount of 6. Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if TransactionAcquired (A) or Securities Ownership Indirect (Instr. 3) Code Disposed of (D) Beneficially Form: Direct Beneficial (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Month/Day/Year) Owned (D) or Ownership Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) Following Reported (Instr. 4) (A) Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price Class A Common 678 D Stock

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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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. orNumber of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		e	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amour or Number of Shar
Nonstatutory Stock Option	\$ 9.97					12/05/2004	12/05/2013	Class A Common Stock	5,000
Nonstatutory Stock Option	\$ 30.645					12/15/2006	12/15/2015	Class A Common Stock	10,00
Nonstatutory Stock Option	\$ 21.58					11/23/2005	11/23/2014	Class A Common Stock	10,00
2005 Restricted Stock Units	\$ 0 (1)					(2)	(3)	Class A Common Stock	500
Restricted Stock Unit	\$ 0 (4)					<u>(5)</u>	<u>(6)</u>	Class A Common Stock	2,40
Nonstatutory Stock Option	\$ 32.565					12/15/2007	12/14/2016	Class A Common Stock	12,50
2006 Restricted Stock Units	\$ 0 <u>(7)</u>					(8)	<u>(9)</u>	Class A Common Stock	750
2007 Restricted Stock Unit	\$ 0					(10)	12/13/2017(11)	Class A Common Stock	2,35
NSO 2007	\$ 43.61					12/14/2008	12/13/2017	Class A Common Stock	7,053

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Canaday Shawn Michael C/O BERRY PETROLEUM COMPANY 5201 TRUXTUN AVE., SUITE 300 BAKERSFIELD, CA 93309

Controller

Signatures

Kenneth A Olson under POA for Shawn Canaday

01/02/2008

**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) Each RSU represents a contingent right to receive one share of Berry Petroleum Company Class A Common Stock
- (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) Each RSU represents a contingent right to receive one share of Berry Petroleum Company Class A Common Stock
- (5) Restricted Stock Units vest 100% three years from date of grant on 4/20/2009.
- 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.
- (7) Each RSU represents a contingent right to receive one share of Berry Petroleum Company Class A Common Stock
- (8) 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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- (10) 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.
- (11) 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.
- (12) 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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