

Kelso Bruce S
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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 *
Kelso Bruce S

(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)
03/31/2009

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)
VP of Rocky Mtn. and Mid Conti

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
X 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)			
Class A Common Stock				(A) or (D)						
Class A Common Stock	03/31/2009		J ⁽¹⁸⁾	V	261 ⁽¹⁹⁾	A	\$ 0	1,740	I	Held in 401(k) Plan
Class A Common Stock					4,305	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 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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Nonstatutory Stock Option 11-23-04	\$ 21.58					11/23/2005	11/23/2014	Class A Common Stock	15
Nonstatutory Stock Option 12-15-05	\$ 30.645					12/15/2006	12/15/2015	Class A Common Stock	20
Nonstatutory Stock Option 3-22-06	\$ 34.06					03/22/2009 ⁽¹⁾	03/22/2016	Class A Common Stock	40
2005 Restricted Stock Units ⁽²⁾	\$ 0 ⁽³⁾					12/15/2006 ⁽⁴⁾	12/14/2015 ⁽⁵⁾	Class A Common Stock	1
Nonstatutory Stock Option 12-15-06	\$ 32.565					12/15/2007	12/14/2016	Class A Common Stock	16
2006 Restricted Stock Units ⁽⁶⁾	\$ 0 ⁽⁷⁾					12/15/2007 ⁽⁸⁾	12/14/2016 ⁽⁹⁾	Class A Common Stock	2
2007 Restricted Stock Unit ⁽¹⁰⁾	\$ 0 ⁽¹¹⁾					12/14/2008 ⁽¹²⁾	12/13/2017 ⁽¹³⁾	Class A Common Stock	2
NSO 2007	\$ 43.61					12/14/2008	12/13/2017	Class A Common Stock	8
2008 Restricted Stock Units ⁽¹⁴⁾	\$ 0 ⁽¹⁵⁾					12/12/2009 ⁽¹⁶⁾	12/11/2018 ⁽¹⁷⁾	Class A Common Stock	10

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- (19) 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.

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