

HEINEMANN ROBERT  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
**HEINEMANN ROBERT**

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
**BERRY PETROLEUM CO [BRY]**

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
**5201 TRUXTUN AVE., SUITE 300**

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
**12/31/2008**

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
\_\_\_\_ Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)

**President and CEO**

(Street)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**BAKERSFIELD, CA 93309**

(City) (State) (Zip)

**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	11,079	D	
Class A Common Stock	12/31/2008		J	77 <sup>(17)</sup> A \$ 0	6,544	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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount
Nonstatutory Stock Options 12-2-02	\$ 8.07					12/02/2002	12/02/2012	Class A Common Stock	1
Nonstatutory Stock Options 12-2-03	\$ 9.61					12/02/2003	12/02/2013	Class A Common Stock	1
Nonstatutory Stock Option 6-16-04	\$ 14.375					06/16/2005	06/16/2014	Class A Common Stock	20
Nonstatutory Stock Option 11-23-04	\$ 21.58					11/23/2005	11/23/2014	Class A Common Stock	13
Nonstatutory Stock Option 12-15-05	\$ 30.645					12/15/2006	12/15/2015	Class A Common Stock	15
2005 Restricted Stock Units <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 0 <sup>(2)</sup>					12/15/2006 <sup>(3)</sup>	12/14/2014 <sup>(4)</sup>	Class A Common Stock	1
Restricted Stock Unit	\$ 0 <sup>(5)</sup>					01/31/2010 <sup>(6)</sup>	06/22/2016 <sup>(7)</sup>	Class A Common Stock	16
Nonstatutory Stock Option 12-15-06	\$ 32.565					12/15/2007	12/14/2016	Class A Common Stock	17
2006 Restricted Stock Units <sup>(8)</sup>	\$ 0 <sup>(9)</sup>					12/15/2007 <sup>(10)</sup>	12/14/2016 <sup>(11)</sup>	Class A Common Stock	1

2007

Restricted  
Stock Unit  
(12)

\$ 0 <sup>(13)</sup>

12/14/2008<sup>(14)</sup>

12/13/2017<sup>(15)</sup>

Class A  
Common  
Stock

NSO 2007

\$ 43.61

12/14/2008

12/13/2017

Class A  
Common  
Stock

2008

Restricted  
Stock Units

\$ 0

12/12/2009

12/11/2018

Class A  
Common  
Stock

Phantom  
Stock Units  
(16)

\$ 0

12/31/2008

A

30

08/08/1988

08/08/1988

Class A  
Common  
Stock

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
HEINEMANN ROBERT 5201 TRUXTUN AVE., SUITE 300 BAKERSFIELD, CA 93309			President and CEO	

## Signatures

Kenneth A Olson under POA for Robert  
Heinemann

01/05/2009

    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) 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.
- (4) 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.
- (5) Each RSU represents a contingent right to receive one share of Berry Petroleum Company Class A Common Stock
- (6) The restricted stock units vest in one installment on January 31, 2010 provided the reporting person continues to serve as the CEO of the Company on such date, or earlier on certain conditions.
- (7) The restricted stock units vest in one installment on January 31, 2010 provided the reporting person continues to serve as the CEO of the Company on such date, or earlier on certain conditions.
- (8) 1 for 1
- (9) Each RSU represents a contingent right to receive one share of Berry Petroleum Company Class A Common Stock
- (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.

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- (11) 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.
- (12) 1 for 1
- (13) Each RSU represents a contingent right to receive one share of Berry Petroleum Company Class A Common Stock
- (14) 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.
- (15) 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.
- (16) Phantom Stock Units acquired under the Company's Non-Employee Director Deferred Compensation Plan in a transaction exempt under Rule 16b-3(c). Shares of Common Stock are issued under terms of the Plan upon resignation from the board of directors.
- (17) 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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