

BERRY PETROLEUM CO
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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 *
JAMIESON THOMAS 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)
12/31/2007

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| Class A Common Stock | | | | (A) or (D) | Amount | | Owned by corporation |
| | | | | (A) or (D) | Price | | |
| Class A Common Stock | | | | (A) or (D) | 33,800 | I | Owned by corporation |
| Class A Common Stock | | | | (A) or (D) | 28,000 | D | |
| Class A Common Stock | | | | (A) or (D) | 25,000 | I | Owned by partnership |
| Class A Common Stock | | | | (A) or (D) | 26,000 | I | Owned by Trust |

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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 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 | \$ 6.3125 | | | | | 12/02/1998 | 12/02/2008 | Class A Common Stock | 10,000 |
| Nonstatutory Stock Options | \$ 7.0312 | | | | | 12/02/1999 | 12/02/2009 | Class A Common Stock | 10,000 |
| Nonstatutory Stock Options | \$ 7.8438 | | | | | 12/02/2000 | 12/02/2010 | Class A Common Stock | 10,000 |
| Nonstatutory Stock Options | \$ 7.725 | | | | | 12/02/2001 | 12/02/2011 | Class A Common Stock | 10,000 |
| Nonstatutory Stock Options | \$ 8.07 | | | | | 12/02/2002 | 12/02/2012 | Class A Common Stock | 10,000 |
| Nonstatutory Stock Options | \$ 9.61 | | | | | 12/02/2003 | 12/02/2013 | Class A Common Stock | 10,000 |
| Nonstatutory Stock Options | \$ 21.77 | | | | | 12/02/2004 | 12/02/2014 | Class A Common Stock | 10,000 |
| Nonstatutory Stock Option | \$ 30.645 | | | | | 12/15/2005 | 12/15/2015 | Class A Common | 10,000 |

| | | | | | | | | Stock | |
|----------------------------------|---------------------|------------|---|------------|------------|------------|--|----------------------------|--------|
| Nonstatutory Stock Option | \$ 32.565 | | | 12/15/2006 | 12/14/2016 | | | Class A Common Stock | 10,000 |
| 2007 Restricted Stock Unit | \$ 0 | | | 01/01/2008 | 12/13/2017 | | | Class A Common Stock | 1,319 |
| NSO 2007 | \$ 43.61 | | | 12/14/2007 | 12/13/2017 | | | Class A Common Stock | 3,956 |
| Phantom Stock Units | \$ 0 ⁽¹⁾ | 12/31/2007 | A | 537 | 08/08/1988 | 08/08/1988 | | Class A Common Stock | 537 |

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

JAMIESON THOMAS J
C/O BERRY PETROLEUM COMPANY 5201 TRUXTUN
BAKERSFIELD, CA 93309

Signatures

Kenneth A Olson under POA for Thomas
Jamieson

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) 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.

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