

JAMIESON THOMAS J  
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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 \*  
**JAMIESON THOMAS J**

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)  
**C/O BERRY PETROLEUM COMPANY, 1999 BROADWAY, SUITE 3700**

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
**12/04/2008**

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

(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

**DENVER, CA 80202**

(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)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
Class A Common Stock					33,800	I	Owned by corporation
Class A Common Stock					48,000	D	
Class A Common Stock					25,000	I	Owned by partnership
Class A	12/04/2008		P	900	A \$ 53,534	I	Owned by

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Common Stock					8.62			Trust
Class A Common Stock	12/04/2008	P	200	A	\$ 8.63	53,734	I	Owned by Trust
Class A Common Stock	12/04/2008	P	5,700	A	\$ 8.65	59,434	I	Owned by Trust
Class A Common Stock	12/04/2008	P	1,700	A	\$ 8.66	61,134	I	Owned by Trust
Class A Common Stock	12/04/2008	P	1,500	A	\$ 8.67	62,634	I	Owned by Trust
Class A Common Stock	12/04/2008	P	5,000	A	\$ 8.8	67,634	I	Owned by Trust
Class A Common Stock	12/04/2008	P	300	A	\$ 8.92	67,934	I	Owned by Trust
Class A Common Stock	12/04/2008	P	100	A	\$ 8.93	68,034	I	Owned by Trust
Class A Common Stock	12/04/2008	P	200	A	\$ 8.94	68,234	I	Owned by Trust
Class A Common Stock	12/04/2008	P	11,503	A	\$ 8.95	79,737	I	Owned by Trust
Class A Common Stock	12/04/2008	P	1,093	A	\$ 8.96	80,830	I	Owned by Trust
Class A Common Stock	12/04/2008	P	2,600	A	\$ 8.97	83,430	I	Owned by Trust
Class A Common Stock	12/04/2008	P	3,100	A	\$ 8.98	86,530	I	Owned by Trust
Class A Common Stock	12/04/2008	P	700	A	\$ 8.99	87,230	I	Owned by Trust
Class A Common Stock	12/04/2008	P	10,832	A	\$ 9	98,062	I	Owned by Trust

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Class A Common Stock	12/04/2008	P	5,000	A	\$ 9.01	103,062	I	Owned by Trust
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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 Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	Amount or Number of Sh	
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	
Nonstatutory Stock Options 12-2-2000	\$ 7.8438					12/02/2000	12/02/2010	Class A Common Stock	10,0
Nonstatutory Stock Options 12-2-01	\$ 7.725					12/02/2001	12/02/2011	Class A Common Stock	10,0
Nonstatutory Stock Options 12-2-02	\$ 8.07					12/02/2002	12/02/2012	Class A Common Stock	10,0
Nonstatutory Stock Options 12-2-03	\$ 9.61					12/02/2003	12/02/2013	Class A Common Stock	10,0
Nonstatutory Stock Options 12-2-04	\$ 21.77					12/02/2004	12/02/2014	Class A Common Stock	10,0
	\$ 30.645					12/15/2005	12/15/2015		10,0

Nonstatutory Stock Option 12-15-05				Class A Common Stock	
Phantom Stock Units (1)	\$ 0 <sup>(2)</sup>	08/08/1988 <sup>(3)</sup>	08/08/1988 <sup>(4)</sup>	Class A Common Stock	33,4
Nonstatutory Stock Option 12-15-06	\$ 32.565	12/15/2006	12/14/2016	Class A Common Stock	10,0
2007 Restricted Stock Unit <sup>(5)</sup>	\$ 0	01/01/2008 <sup>(6)</sup>	12/13/2017 <sup>(7)</sup>	Class A Common Stock	1,3
NSO 2007	\$ 43.61	12/14/2007	12/13/2017	Class A Common Stock	3,9

## Reporting Owners

### Reporting Owner Name / Address

### Relationships

Director    10% Owner    Officer    Other

JAMIESON THOMAS J  
C/O BERRY PETROLEUM COMPANY  
1999 BROADWAY, SUITE 3700  
DENVER, CA 80202

## Signatures

Kenneth A Olson under POA for Thomas  
Jamieson

12/05/2008

\*\*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) 1 for 1

(3) 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.

(4) 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.

(5) 1 for 1

(6) The RSU granted is 100% vested at the date of grant but the receipt of shares are subject to a deferral period which is generally at least four years from the grant date as per the deferral election.

(7) 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.

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