

GAUL J HERBERT JR  
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**FORM 4**

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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 \*  
GAUL J HERBERT JR

(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)  
12/31/2008

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)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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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 (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
|                                 |                                      |                                                    |                                | (A) or (D) Code V Amount (D) Price                                |                                                                                               |                                                          |                                   |
| Class A Common Stock            |                                      |                                                    |                                |                                                                   | 4,000                                                                                         | 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)**

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| 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 Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4) |                      |
|--------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|----------------------|
|                                            |                                                        |                                      |                                                    | Code                           | V (A) (D)                                                                               | Date Exercisable                                         | Expiration Date                                   | Title                |
| Nonstatutory Stock Options 12-2-99         | \$ 7.0312                                              |                                      |                                                    |                                |                                                                                         | 12/02/1999                                               | 12/02/2009                                        | Class A Common Stock |
| Nonstatutory Stock Options 12-2-2000       | \$ 7.8438                                              |                                      |                                                    |                                |                                                                                         | 12/02/2000                                               | 12/02/2010                                        | Class A Common Stock |
| Nonstatutory Stock Options 12-2-01         | \$ 7.725                                               |                                      |                                                    |                                |                                                                                         | 12/02/2001                                               | 12/02/2011                                        | Class A Common Stock |
| Nonstatutory Stock Options 12-2-02         | \$ 8.07                                                |                                      |                                                    |                                |                                                                                         | 12/02/2002                                               | 12/02/2012                                        | Class A Common Stock |
| Nonstatutory Stock Options 12-2-03         | \$ 9.61                                                |                                      |                                                    |                                |                                                                                         | 12/02/2003                                               | 12/02/2013                                        | Class A Common Stock |
| Nonstatutory Stock Options 12-2-04         | \$ 21.77                                               |                                      |                                                    |                                |                                                                                         | 12/02/2004                                               | 12/02/2014                                        | Class A Common Stock |
| Nonstatutory Stock Option 12-15-05         | \$ 30.645                                              |                                      |                                                    |                                |                                                                                         | 12/15/2005                                               | 12/15/2015                                        | Class A Common Stock |
| Nonstatutory Stock Option 12-15-06         | \$ 32.565                                              |                                      |                                                    |                                |                                                                                         | 12/15/2006                                               | 12/14/2016                                        | Class A Common Stock |
| 2007 Restricted Stock Unit <sup>(1)</sup>  | \$ 0                                                   |                                      |                                                    |                                |                                                                                         | 01/01/2008 <sup>(2)</sup>                                | 12/13/2017 <sup>(3)</sup>                         | Class A Common Stock |
| NSO 2007                                   | \$ 43.61                                               |                                      |                                                    |                                |                                                                                         | 12/14/2007                                               | 12/13/2017                                        | Class A              |

