

HEINEMANN ROBERT
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
01/31/2010

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

(Street)
DENVER, CO 80202

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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(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 Ownership (Instr. 4)	
				(A) or (D)	Price			
				Code	V	Amount		
Class A Common Stock	01/31/2010		M ⁽¹⁵⁾	161,300	A	\$ 27.72	185,043	D
Class A Common Stock	01/31/2010		J	336	A	\$ 0	11,015	I
								Held in 401(k) Plan
Class A Common Stock	02/01/2010		F ⁽²⁰⁾	59,252	D	\$ 27.5725	125,791	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 Underlying (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title
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 Option 6-16-04	\$ 14.375					06/16/2005	06/16/2014	Class A Common Stock
Nonstatutory Stock Option 11-23-04	\$ 21.58					11/23/2005	11/23/2014	Class A Common Stock
Nonstatutory Stock Option 12-15-05	\$ 30.645					12/15/2006	12/15/2015	Class A Common Stock
Phantom Stock Units <u>(1)</u>	\$ 0					08/08/1988	08/08/1988	Class A Common Stock
Nonstatutory Stock Option 12-15-06	\$ 32.565					12/15/2007	12/14/2016	Class A Common Stock
2006 Restricted Stock Units <u>(3)</u>	\$ 0 <u>(4)</u>					12/15/2007 ⁽⁵⁾	12/14/2016 ⁽⁶⁾	Class A Common Stock
2007 Restricted	\$ 0 <u>(8)</u>					12/14/2008 ⁽⁹⁾	12/13/2017 ⁽¹⁰⁾	Class A Common

Stock Unit ⁽⁷⁾								Stock
NSO 2007	\$ 43.61			12/14/2008	12/13/2017			Class A Common Stock
2008 Restricted Stock Units ⁽¹¹⁾	\$ 0 ⁽¹²⁾			12/12/2009 ⁽¹³⁾	12/11/2018 ⁽¹⁴⁾			Class A Common Stock
2009 Restricted Stock Units	\$ 0			12/11/2010	12/11/2019			Class A Common Stock
Restricted Stock Unit ⁽¹⁷⁾	\$ 0 ⁽¹⁸⁾	01/31/2010	M	161,300 ⁽¹⁹⁾	01/31/2010	06/22/2016		Class A Common Stock

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
HEINEMANN ROBERT C/O BERRY PETROLEUM COMPANY 1999 BROADWAY, SUITE 3700 DENVER, CO 80202			President and CEO	

Signatures

Kenneth A Olson under POA for Robert
Heinemann 02/02/2010

^{__}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) 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.
- (3) 1 for 1
- (4) Each RSU represents a contingent right to receive one share of Berry Petroleum Company Class A Common Stock
- (5) 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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- (7) 1 for 1
- (8) Each RSU represents a contingent right to receive one share of Berry Petroleum Company Class A Common Stock
- (9)

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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.

- (10) 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.
- (11) 1 for 1
- (12) Each RSU represents a contingent right to receive one share of Berry Petroleum Company Class A Common Stock
- (13) 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.
- (14) 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.
- (15) Vested shares issued pursuant to Rule 16b-3 plan.
- (16) 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.
- (17) 1 for 1
- (18) Each RSU represents a contingent right to receive one share of Berry Petroleum Company Class A Common Stock
- (19) Vesting of RSU shares
- (20) Shares sold to cover taxes on RSU vesting under Rule 16b-3 Plan.

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