

DUGINSKI MICHAEL

Form 4

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FORM 4**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
DUGINSKI MICHAEL

(Last) (First) (Middle)

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

(Street)

DENVER, CO 80202

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
12/15/2008

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)
Chief Oper. Officer & Exec. VP

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

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)			Held in
			Code	V	Amount		
					Price		
						10,994	I
							401(k) Plan
Class A Common Stock	12/15/2008		M ⁽¹⁷⁾	2,500	A \$ 8.74	15,622	D
Class A Common Stock	12/15/2008		M ⁽¹⁸⁾	2,500	A \$ 8.74	18,122	D
Class A Common Stock	12/15/2008		F ⁽²⁵⁾	1,556	D \$	16,566	D

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Common
Stock

8.74

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
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title
Nonstatutory Stock Option 2-1-02	\$ 7.445					02/01/2003	02/01/2012	Class A Common Stock
Nonstatutory Stock Option 12-6-02	\$ 8.25					12/06/2003	12/06/2012	Class A Common Stock
Nonstatutory Stock Option 12-05-03	\$ 9.97					12/05/2004	12/05/2013	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
2005 Restricted Stock Units (1)	\$ 0 ⁽²⁾					12/15/2006 ⁽³⁾	12/14/2015 ⁽⁴⁾	Class A Common Stock
Nonstatutory Stock Option 12-15-06	\$ 32.565					12/15/2007	12/14/2016	Class A Common Stock
	\$ 0 ⁽⁶⁾					12/15/2007 ⁽⁷⁾	12/14/2016 ⁽⁸⁾	

2006 Restricted Stock Units (5)									Class A Common Stock
2007 Restricted Stock Unit (9)	\$ 0 (10)				12/14/2008(11)	12/13/2017(12)			Class A Common Stock
NSO 2007	\$ 43.61				12/14/2008	12/13/2017			Class A Common Stock
2008 Restricted Stock Units (13)	\$ 0 (14)				12/12/2009(15)	12/11/2018(16)			Class A Common Stock
2005 Restricted Stock Units (19)	\$ 0 (20)	12/15/2008	M	2,500	12/15/2006(21)	12/14/2015			Class A Common Stock
2006 Restricted Stock Units (22)	\$ 0 (23)	12/15/2008	M	2,500	12/15/2007(24)	12/14/2016			Class A Common Stock

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
DUGINSKI MICHAEL C/O BERRY PETROLEUM COMPANY 1999 BROADWAY, SUITE 3700 DENVER, CO 80202			Chief Oper. Officer & Exec. VP	

Signatures

Kenneth A Olson under POA for Michael
Duginski

01/07/2009

__Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

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(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.

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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) 1 for 1
- (6) Each RSU represents a contingent right to receive one share of Berry Petroleum Company Class A Common Stock
- (7) 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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- (9) 1 for 1
- (10) Each RSU represents a contingent right to receive one share of Berry Petroleum Company Class A Common Stock
- (11) 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.
- (12) 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.
- (13) 1 for 1
- (14) Each RSU represents a contingent right to receive one share of Berry Petroleum Company Class A Common Stock
- (15) 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.
- (16) 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.
- (17) Vested shares issued pursuant to Rule 16b-3 plan.
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- (19) 1 for 1
- (20) Each RSU represents a contingent right to receive one share of Berry Petroleum Company Class A Common Stock
- (21) 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.
- (22) 1 for 1
- (23) Each RSU represents a contingent right to receive one share of Berry Petroleum Company Class A Common Stock
- (24) 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.
- (25) Shares withheld incident to vesting of RSUs for the payment of tax liability issued in accordance with Rule 16b-3.

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