

BUSH WILLIAM E 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 \*  
BUSH WILLIAM E 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)  
12/08/2008

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)  
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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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|
|                                 |                                      |                                                    |                                | (A) or (D)<br>Code V Amount (D) Price                             |                                                                                               |                                                          |                                                       |
| Class A Common Stock            |                                      |                                                    |                                |                                                                   | 800                                                                                           | I                                                        | As Custodian for minor grandchildren                  |
| Class A Common Stock            | 12/08/2008                           |                                                    | P                              | 200 A \$ 7.23                                                     | 260,046                                                                                       | D                                                        |                                                       |
| Class A Common Stock            | 12/08/2008                           |                                                    | P                              | 800 A \$ 7.22                                                     | 260,846                                                                                       | D                                                        |                                                       |
| Class A Common Stock            | 12/08/2008                           |                                                    | P                              | 1,500 A \$ 7.17                                                   | 262,346                                                                                       | D                                                        |                                                       |

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Stock

Class A

Common 12/08/2008 P 150 A \$ 7.22 262,496 D  
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 | 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) | Amount or Number of Shares |        |
|--------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|--------|
|                                            |                                                        |                                      |                                                    | Code                | V (A) (D)                                                                               | Date Exercisable                                         | Expiration Date                                               | Title                      |        |
| Nonstatutory Stock Options 12-2-04         | \$ 21.77                                               |                                      |                                                    |                     |                                                                                         | 12/02/2004                                               | 12/02/2014                                                    | Class A Common Stock       | 10,000 |
| Nonstatutory Stock Option 12-15-05         | \$ 30.645                                              |                                      |                                                    |                     |                                                                                         | 12/15/2005                                               | 12/15/2015                                                    | Class A Common Stock       | 10,000 |
| Nonstatutory Stock Option 12-15-06         | \$ 32.565                                              |                                      |                                                    |                     |                                                                                         | 12/15/2006                                               | 12/14/2016                                                    | Class A Common Stock       | 10,000 |
| 2007 Restricted Stock Unit                 | \$ 0                                                   |                                      |                                                    |                     |                                                                                         | 01/01/2008 <sup>(1)</sup>                                | 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  |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                                         | Relationships |           |         |       |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
|                                                                                        | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| BUSH WILLIAM E JR<br>C/O BERRY PETROLEUM COMPANY 5201 TRUXTUN<br>BAKERSFIELD, CA 93309 |               |           |         |       |

## Signatures

Kenneth A Olson under POA for William  
Bush 12/09/2008

\_\_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) 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.

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