

BERRY PETROLEUM CO  
Form 8-K  
June 26, 2008

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UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): June 26, 2008

BERRY PETROLEUM COMPANY

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

DELAWARE  
(State or Other Jurisdiction  
of  
Incorporation or  
Organization)

1-9735  
(Commission File Number)

77-0079387  
(IRS Employer  
Identification Number)

1999 BROADWAY, STE 3700, DENVER, CO  
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

80202  
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (303) 825-3344

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- o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers

(c) On June 26, 2008, Berry Petroleum Company (the "Company") announced that Shawn M. Canaday, 32, the Company's interim chief financial officer and controller has been promoted to vice president and controller. Mr. Canaday will continue as the Company's interim chief financial officer until David D. Wolf, the Company's new executive vice president and chief financial officer begins his tenure. Mr. Canaday joined the Company as a senior financial analyst in 2003. Mr. Canaday's annual salary will be increased to \$175,000 in conjunction with his promotion.

A copy of the press release announcing the promotion of Mr. Canaday is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

(d) Exhibits

9.1 Press release, dated June 26, 2008, announcing the promotion of Shawn M. Canaday as Vice President of the Company.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereto duly authorized.

BERRY PETROLEUM COMPANY

By: /s/ Kenneth A. Olson  
Kenneth A. Olson  
Corporate Secretary

Date: June 26, 2008