

BERRY PETROLEUM CO  
Form 8-K  
March 05, 2007

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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): March 2, 2007

**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)

**5201 TRUXTUN AVE., STE. 300, BAKERSFIELD,  
CA**  
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

**93309**  
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(661) 616-3900**

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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(b) Departure of Directors or Principal Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Principal Officers**

On March 2, 2007, Steven B. Wilson was appointed to the position of treasurer of Berry Petroleum Company (Berry) and is no longer principal accounting officer for Berry.

**Item 5.02 (c) Departure of Directors or Principal Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Principal Officers**

On March 2, 2007, Shawn M. Canaday, 31, was appointed to the position of controller and was named as the principal accounting officer of Berry. Mr. Canaday had been treasurer since December 2004 and joined Berry as a senior financial analyst in 2003. Mr. Canaday has worked in the oil and gas industry since 1998 in various finance functions at Chevron and in public accounting. Mr. Canaday is a graduate of California State University, Fresno.

**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(d) Exhibits

<b>Exhibit No.</b>	<b>Description</b>
99.1	News Release dated March 5, 2007 titled "Berry Petroleum Appoints Shawn Canaday to Controller and Steve Wilson to Treasurer"

**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: March 5, 2007

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