

BERRY PETROLEUM CO  
Form 8-K  
August 25, 2011

**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): **August 23, 2011**

**BERRY PETROLEUM COMPANY**

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

**DELAWARE**

**1-9735**

**77-0079387**

(State or Other Jurisdiction of

(Commission File Number)

(IRS Employer

Incorporation or Organization)

Identification Number)

**1999 BROADWAY, SUITE 3700, DENVER,  
COLORADO**

**80202**

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(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(303) 999-4400**

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- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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**Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure**

On August 23, 2011, Berry Petroleum Company's Board of Directors approved an increase in the company's quarterly dividend of one-half cent per share from \$0.075 to \$0.08 per share, beginning with the September 2011 dividend. The regular quarterly dividend will be paid on September 29, 2011 to shareholders of record on September 13, 2011.

**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/ Davis O Connor*  
Davis O Connor  
Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary

Date: August 25, 2011