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January 13, 2004

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) January 12, 2004

Berry Petroleum Company (Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware 1-9735 77-0079387 (State or other (Commission IRS Employer jurisdiction of File Number) Identification No. incorporation)

5201 Truxtun Avenue, Suite 300 Bakersfield, CA 93309 (Address of principal executive offices)

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

N/A

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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Item 9. Regulation FD Disclosure

On January 12, 2004, Berry Petroleum Company, a Delaware corporation, issued a press release, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

- (c) Exhibits
- 99.1 Press Release of Berry Petroleum Company dated January 12, 2004.

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SIGNATURE

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 thereunto duly authorized.

BERRY PETROLEUM COMPANY

By /s/ Kenneth A. Olson
Name: Kenneth A. Olson
Title: Corporate Secretary
and Treasurer

January 13, 2004

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