BERRY PETROLEUM CO Form 8-K November 08, 2006

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): November 8, 2006 (November 8, 2006)

BERRY PETROLEUM COMPANY

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

DELAWARE
1-9735
77-0079387
(State or Other Jurisdiction (Commission File Number)
of (IRS Employer Identification Number)
Incorporation or
Organization)

5201 TRUXTUN AVE., STE. 300, BAKERSFIELD, 93309
CA (Zip Code)

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

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

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

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Item 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition

On November 8, 2006, Berry Petroleum Company issued a news release announcing its financial and operational results for the third quarter ended September 30, 2006. The information contained in the news release is incorporated herein by reference and furnished as Exhibit 99.1

The information in this Current Report on Form 8-K and Exhibit 99.1 is being furnished and shall not be deemed "filed" for the purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that Section.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

(d) Exhibits

99.1 - News Release by Berry Petroleum Company dated November 8, 2006, titled "Berry Petroleum Reports Third Quarter Earnings of \$31.4 million and Record Production" announcing the Registrant's results for the quarter ended September 30, 2006.

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: November 8, 2006