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February 28, 2013

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): February 28, 2013

BERRY PETROLEUM COMPANY

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware 1-9735 77-0079387

(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation or Organization) (Commission File Number) (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

1999 Broadway, Suite 3700, Denver, Colorado 80202 (Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

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

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

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

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Item 2.02 RESULTS OF OPERATIONS AND FINANCIAL CONDITION

On February 28, 2013, Berry Petroleum Company (the "Company") issued a news release announcing its financial and operational results for the fourth quarter and year ended December 31, 2012. These results are discussed in the news release attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1, which is incorporated by reference in its entirety.

ITEM 9.01 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS

(d) Exhibits.

EXHIBIT

99.1

DESCRIPTION

NUMBER DESCRIPTION

News Release by Berry Petroleum Company dated February 28, 2013 titled "Berry Petroleum

Reports 2012 Results" announcing the Registrant's results for the fourth quarter and year ended

December 31, 2012.

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. O'Connor

Davis O. O'Connor Corporate Secretary

Date: February 28, 2013