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Form 8-K  
July 19, 2004

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549

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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) July 19, 2004

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

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

(c) Exhibits

The following Exhibits are hereby furnished as part of this Current Report on Form 8-K:

Exhibit 99 - Press Release dated July 19, 2004 regarding the Registrant's announcing the acquisition of additional Uinta Basin acreage and joint exploration and development program.

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

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