

BERRY PETROLEUM CO
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
BERRY WILLIAM F

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O BERRY PETROLEUM COMPANY, 5201 TRUXTUN AVE., SUITE 300

(Street)

BAKERSFIELD, CA 93309

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
BERRY PETROLEUM CO [BRY]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
03/22/2005

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
				Code	V	Amount	
Class A Common Stock	03/22/2005		M ⁽²⁾	A	3,000 ₍₂₎	\$ 13.75	1,434,000 D
Class A Common Stock	03/22/2005		F ⁽²⁾	D	736 ₍₂₎	\$ 56.03	1,433,264 D
Class A Common Stock	03/22/2005		G	D	2,264 ₍₃₎	\$ 0 ₍₃₎	1,431,000 D
Class A							34,722 I As Trustee

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Common
Stock

for Berry
Children's
Trust

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	Amount or Number of Shares
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	
Non-Statutory Stock Option (NSO) ⁽¹⁾	\$ 13.75	03/22/2005		M ⁽²⁾	3,000	12/02/1996	12/02/2006	Class A Common Stock	3,000
Non-Statutory Stock Option (NSO) ⁽¹⁾	\$ 18.94					05/15/1998	12/02/2007	Class A Common Stock	5,000
Non-Statutory Stock Option (NSO) ⁽¹⁾	\$ 12.625					12/02/1998	12/02/2008	Class A Common Stock	5,000
Non-Statutory Stock Option (NSO) ⁽¹⁾	\$ 14.0625					12/02/1999	12/02/2009	Class A Common Stock	5,000
Non-Statutory Stock Option (NSO) ⁽¹⁾	\$ 15.69					12/02/2000	12/02/2010	Class A Common Stock	5,000
Non-Statutory Stock Option (NSO) ⁽¹⁾	\$ 15.45					12/02/2001	12/02/2011	Class A Common Stock	5,000
Non-Statutory Stock Option (NSO) ⁽¹⁾	\$ 16.14					12/02/2002	12/02/2012	Class A Common Stock	5,000

Non-Statutory Stock Option (NSO) ⁽¹⁾	\$ 19.22	12/02/2003	12/02/2013	Class A Common Stock	5,0
Non-Statutory Stock Option (NSO) ⁽¹⁾	\$ 43.54	12/02/2004	12/02/2014	Class A Common Stock	5,0

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
BERRY WILLIAM F C/O BERRY PETROLEUM COMPANY 5201 TRUXTUN AVE., SUITE 300 BAKERSFIELD, CA 93309	X			

Signatures

Kenneth A. Olson under POA for William F. Berry	03/24/2005
<small>**Signature of Reporting Person</small>	<small>Date</small>

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. *See* 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) NSO - Right to buy Berry Petroleum Company Class A Common Stock
- (2) Exercise of Stock Options under the Company's 1994 Stock Option Plan in a transaction exempt under Rule 16b.
- (3) Shares were gifted to his adult children and their grandchildren. Mr. Berry will not retain any voting or investment authority for these shares.

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