FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* OLSON KENNETH A						2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol BERRY PETROLEUM CO [BRY]								5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner					
		LEUM COMPA E., SUITE 300	Middle)		05/	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 05/05/2009								X Officer (give title Other (specify below) Corporate Secretary					
(Street) BAKERSFIELD CA 93309				_ 4.1	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)								Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person Person						
(City) (State) (Zip)														. 5.55					
Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 2. Transaction 2. Deemed 3. 4. Securities Acquired (A) or 5. Amount of 6. Ownership 7. Nature of																			
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Transac Date (Month/Da					Execution Date,		Transa	Transaction Disposed Of (Code (Instr.		(D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported		Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)		Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)			
						4			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	(Instr. 3 and	Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)				
Class A Co	mmon Stoc	k								\vdash				2,87	8)	Held in the	
Class A Common Stock 05/05/2				5/2009	2009			J ⁽¹⁷⁾		1,452(18)	A	\$17.3	1,452		1	[Company's 401(k) Plan		
			Table II -								oosed of, o			Dwned	'				
1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deeme Execution if any (Month/Da	Date,	4. Transa Code (8)		ction of Ex			6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)			7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)		10. Ownersh Form: Direct (D or Indirec (I) (Instr.	Beneficial Ownership ct (Instr. 4)	
					Code	v			Date Exercisabl	е	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	1					
Nonstatutory Stock Option 11- 23-04	\$21.58					11/23/2005 11/23/2014 Class A Common Stock 6,000			6,000		D								
2005 Restricted Stock Units ⁽¹⁾	\$0 ⁽²⁾								12/15/2000	6 ⁽³⁾	12/14/2015 ⁽⁴⁾	Class A Common Stock	350		350		50 D		
Nonstatutory Stock Option 12- 15-06	\$32.565								12/15/200	07	12/14/2016	Class A Common Stock	2,000		2,00	00	D		
2006 Restricted Stock Units ⁽⁵⁾	\$0 ⁽⁶⁾								12/15/200	7 ⁽⁷⁾	12/14/2016 ⁽⁸⁾	Class A Common Stock	700		700		D		
2007 Restricted Stock Unit ⁽⁹⁾	\$0 ⁽¹⁰⁾								12/14/2008	3(11)	12/13/2017 ⁽¹²⁾	Class A Common Stock	574		57	4	D		
NSO 2007	\$43.61								12/14/200	08	12/13/2017	Class A Common Stock	1,719		1,7	19	D		
2008 Restricted Stock Units ⁽¹³⁾	\$0 ⁽¹⁴⁾								12/12/2009	(15)	12/11/2018 ⁽¹⁶⁾	Class A Common Stock	3,333		3,33	33	D		

Explanation of Responses:

- 1. 1 for 1
- 2. Each RSU represents a contingent right to receive one share of Berry Petroleum Company Class A Common Stock
- 3. The restricted stock units vests in four equal annual installments beginning December 15, 2006. Shares of Class A Common Stock will be delivered to the reporting person at the time of vesting.
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- 11. The RSU granted vest 25% per year beginning one year after grant but the receipt of shares are subject to a deferral period which is generally at least four years from grant date as per the deferral election.
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- $17. \ Shares of \ Company \ stock \ acquired \ by \ the \ reporting \ person \ in \ the \ Company's \ 401(k) \ Plan. \ Purchases \ were \ at \ market.$
- 18. Shares of Company stock acquired by the reporting person in the Company's 401(k) Plan. Purchases were at market.

Kenneth A Olson 05/06/2009

** Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

- * 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).

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