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 [*] GAUL J HERBERT JR | | | | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol BERRY PETROLEUM CO [BRY] | | | | | | | | | ationship of k all applica Director | able) | g Pers | on(s) to Iss 10% O | | | |
| (Last) (First) (Middle) C/O BERRY PETROLEUM COMPANY | | | | | | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 06/30/2005 | | | | | | | | Officer (give title Other (specify below) below) | | | | | | | |
| 5201 TRUXTUN AVE., SUITE 300 | | | | | 4. | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | | | | | | | | | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) | | | | | | |
| (Street) BAKERSFIELD CA 93309 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | | | | | | | |
| (City) | (City) (State) (Zip) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| Security or Exercise (Month/Day/Year) if any | | | ate, T | 4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | | | | 6. Date Exerci Expiration Da (Month/Day/Yo | te | Amount of | | f g Secu | | | 9. Numbe derivative Securitie: Beneficia Owned Following Reported Transacti (Instr. 4) | e Ownership 5 Form: Ily Direct (D) or Indirect 1 (I) (Instr. 4 | | t (Instr. 4) | | | |
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| Phantom Stock Units ⁽²⁾⁽³⁾ | \$0 ⁽¹⁾ | 06/30/2005 | | | A | | 350 | | 08/08/1988 ⁽²⁾ | 08/ | /08/1988 ⁽³⁾ | Class A Common Stock | 35 | 0 | \$52.88 | 11,48 | 0 | D | | | |
| Non- Statutory Stock Option (NSO) ⁽⁴⁾ | \$14.0625 | | | | | | | | 12/02/1999 | 1: | 2/02/2009 | Class A Common Stock | 5,0 | 00 | | 5,000 |) | D | | | |
| Non- Statutory Stock Option (NSO) ⁽⁴⁾ | \$15.69 | | | | | | | | 12/02/2000 | 13 | 2/02/2010 | Class A Common Stock | 5,0 | 00 | | 5,000 |) | D | | | |
| Non- Statutory Stock Option (NSO) ⁽⁴⁾ | \$15.45 | | | | | | | | 12/02/2001 | 1 | 2/02/2011 | Class A Common Stock | 5,0 | 00 | | 5,000 |) | D | | | |
| Non- Statutory Stock Option | \$16.14 | | | | | | | | 12/02/2002 | 1 | 2/02/2012 | Class A Common Stock | 5,0 | 00 | | 5,000 |) | D | | | |

(NSO)⁽⁴⁾ Non-Statutory Stock Option Class A 5,000 \$19.22 12/02/2003 12/02/2013 Common Stock 5,000 D (NSO)⁽⁴⁾ Non-Statutory Stock Option Class A 5,000 \$43.54 12/02/2004 12/02/2014 Common Stock 5.000 D (NSO)⁽⁴⁾

Explanation of Responses:

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2. Phantom Stock Units acquired under the Company's Non-Employee Director Deferred Stock and Compensation Plan in a transaction exempt under Rule 16b-3(c). Shares are exercisable under the terms of the Plan upon resignation from the Board.

3. Phantom Stock Units acquired under the Company's Non-Employee Director Deferred Stock and Compensation Plan in a transaction exempt under Rule 16b-3(c). Shares expire under the terms of the Plan upon resignation from the Board.

4. NSO - Right to buy Berry Petroleum Company Class A Common Stock

Kenneth A. Olson under POA

for Herbert J. Gaul Jr.

07/05/2005

** 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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