

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>GAUL J HERBERT JR</u> (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>C/O BERRY PETROLEUM COMPANY</u> <u>5201 TRUXTUN AVE., SUITE 300</u> (Street) <u>BAKERSFIELD CA 93309</u> (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>BERRY PETROLEUM CO [BRY]</u>	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director 10% Owner Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>12/02/2004</u>	
	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	

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)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Class A Common Stock							2,000	D		

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 Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	V		(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date				
Phantom Stock Units ⁽²⁾⁽³⁾	\$0 ⁽¹⁾						08/08/1988 ⁽²⁾	08/08/1988 ⁽³⁾	Class A Common Stock	10,523		10,523	D	
Non-Statutory Stock Option (NSO) ⁽⁴⁾	\$14.0625						12/02/1999	12/02/2009	Class A Common Stock	5,000		5,000	D	
Non-Statutory Stock Option (NSO) ⁽⁴⁾	\$15.69						12/02/2000	12/02/2010	Class A Common Stock	5,000		5,000	D	
Non-Statutory Stock Option (NSO) ⁽⁴⁾	\$15.45						12/02/2001	12/02/2011	Class A Common Stock	5,000		5,000	D	
Non-Statutory Stock Option (NSO) ⁽⁴⁾	\$16.14						12/02/2002	12/02/2012	Class A Common Stock	5,000		5,000	D	
Non-Statutory Stock Option (NSO) ⁽⁴⁾	\$19.22						12/02/2003	12/02/2013	Class A Common Stock	5,000		5,000	D	
Non-Statutory Stock Option (NSO) ⁽⁴⁾	\$43.54	12/02/2004		A ⁽⁵⁾		5,000	12/02/2004	12/02/2014	Class A Common Stock	5,000	\$0 ⁽⁵⁾	5,000	D	

Explanation of Responses:

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

Remarks:

Kenneth A. Olson under POA 12/02/2004
for Herbert J. Gaul Jr.

** 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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