

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>REHKOPF BRIAN L</u>  (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 <u>BERRY PETROLEUM CO [ BRY ]</u>	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)  Director 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)  Vice President
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 03/30/2006	
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	03/30/2006		S		5,500	D	\$70.75	17,381	D	
Class A Common Stock	03/30/2006		S		500	D	\$71.02	16,881	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					
Nonstatutory Stock Option (Right to Buy) NSO	\$15.6875							12/02/2001	12/02/2010	Class A Common Stock	10,000	10,000	D	
Nonstatutory Stock Option (Right to Buy) NSO	\$16.3							12/07/2002	12/07/2011	Class A Common Stock	20,000	20,000	D	
Nonstatutory Stock Option (Right to Buy) NSO	\$16.5							12/06/2003	12/06/2012	Class A Common Stock	7,500	7,500	D	
Nonstatutory Stock Option (Right to Buy) NSO	\$19.94							12/05/2004	12/05/2013	Class A Common Stock	20,000	20,000	D	
Nonstatutory Stock Option (Right to Buy) NSO	\$43.16							11/23/2005	11/23/2014	Class A Common Stock	20,000	20,000	D	
Nonstatutory Stock Option (Right to Buy) NSO	\$61.29							12/15/2006	12/15/2015	Class A Common Stock	6,000	6,000	D	
Restricted Stock Units (RSU) <sup>(1)</sup>	\$0 <sup>(1)</sup>							(2)	(2)	Class A Common Stock	1,500	1,500	D	

**Explanation of Responses:**

- Each RSU represents a contingent right to receive one share of Berry Petroleum Company Class A Common Stock.
- The restricted stock units vest 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.

**Remarks:**

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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