

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * <u>DALE DONALD A</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) Director 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) <p style="text-align: center;">Controller</p>
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>12/21/2005</u>	
		6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

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	12/21/2005		S		1,500	D	\$59	6,341	D	
Class A Common Stock	12/21/2005		S		100	D	\$59.17	6,241	D	
Class A Common Stock	12/22/2005		S		4,400	D	\$58.5	1,841	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	\$16.3							12/07/2002	12/07/2011	Class A Common Stock	2,250	2,250	D	
Nonstatutory Stock Option (Right to Buy) NSO	\$16.5							12/06/2003	12/06/2012	Class A Common Stock	2,250	2,250	D	
Nonstatutory Stock Option (Right to Buy) NSO	\$19.94							12/05/2004	12/05/2013	Class A Common Stock	5,000	5,000	D	
Nonstatutory Stock Option (Right to Buy) NSO	\$43.16							11/23/2005	11/23/2014	Class A Common Stock	6,000	6,000	D	
Nonstatutory Stock Option (Right to Buy) NSO	\$61.29							12/15/2006	12/15/2015	Class A Common Stock	2,500	2,500	D	
Restricted Stock Units (RSU) ⁽²⁾	(2)							(1)	(1)	Class A Common Stock	800	800	D	

Explanation of Responses:

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

Remarks:

Kenneth A. Olson under Power 12/22/2005
of Attorney on file

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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