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* <u>GOEHRING RALPH J</u>						2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol BERRY PETROLEUM CO [ BRY ]									5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)  Director 10% Owner  X Officer (give title Other (specify below) below)  Senior Vice President and CFO					
(Last) (First) (Middle) C/O BERRY PETROLEUM COMPANY 5201 TRUXTUN AVE., SUITE 300						3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 06/02/2004														
(Street) BAKERSFIELD CA 93309						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					
(City) (State) (Zip)						Form filed by More the Person												One Report	ing .	
		Tab	le I - No	n-Deriv	ative	Sec	uriti	es Acc	uired,	, Dis	posed of	, or Be	nefic	cially	Owned					
2. Transa Date (Month/Date				2A. Deemed Execution Date,		Transaction Disposed Of (I Code (Instr.			es Acquired (A) or of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported		Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)		7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)				
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Class A Common Stock 06/02  Class A Common Stock 06/02					/2004				M F		16,500 <sup>(1)</sup> A 11,500 <sup>(1)</sup> D		_	\$14 28.86	44,601 33,101					
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1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deem Execution if any (Month/D	n Date,	4. Transa Code (I 8)		on of Expira			6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)  (Month/Day/Year)  7. Title and of Securitie Underlying Derivative (Instr. 3 and			rities ing ve Sec	Derivative Security		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)	
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Nonstatutory Stock Option (Right to Buy) NSO	\$14	06/02/2004			M <sup>(1)</sup>			16,500	12/06/1	997	12/06/2006	Class A Commo Stock		,500	\$0 <sup>(1)</sup>	23,50	0	D		
Nonstatutory Stock Option (Right to Buy) NSO	\$12.5								12/04/1	999	12/04/2008	Class A Commo Stock		,000		30,00	0	D		
Nonstatutory Stock Option (Right to Buy) NSO	\$15.69								12/02/2	001	12/02/2010	Class A Commo Stock	35 <sub>1</sub>	,000,		35,00	0	D		
Nonstatutory Stock Option (Right to Buy) NSO	\$16.3								12/07/2	002	12/07/2011	Class A Commo Stock	30	,000		30,00	0	D		
Nonstatutory Stock Option (Right to Buy) NSO	\$16.5								12/06/2	003	12/06/2012	Class A Commo Stock		,000,		15,00	0	D		
Nonstatutory Stock Option (Right to Buy) NSO	\$19.94								12/05/2	004	12/05/2013	Class A Commo Stock		,000		30,00	0	D		

## **Explanation of Responses:**

 $1.\ Exercise\ of\ stock\ option\ under\ the\ Company's\ 1994\ Stock\ Option\ Plan\ in\ a\ transaction\ exempt\ under\ Rule\ 16B.$ 

of Attorney on file

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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

- $^{\star}$  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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