

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* GOEHRING RALPH J _____ (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 BERRY PETROLEUM CO [BRY]			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) Senior Vice President and CFO		
			3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 12/04/2003					
			4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)			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	12/04/2003		M		10,000 ⁽¹⁾	A	\$14	26,681	D	
Class A Common Stock	12/04/2003		F		8,265 ⁽¹⁾	D	\$19.74	18,416	D	
Class A Common Stock								5,081	I	Held in 401(k) Plan

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						Title
Nonstatutory Stock Option (Right to Buy) NSO	\$14	12/04/2003		M ⁽¹⁾			10,000	12/06/1997	12/06/2006	Class A Common Stock	60,000	\$0	60,000	D	
Nonstatutory Stock Option (Right to Buy) NSO	\$19.375							12/05/1998	12/05/2007	Class A Common Stock	35,000		35,000	D	
Nonstatutory Stock Option (Right to Buy) NSO	\$12.5							12/04/1999	12/04/2008	Class A Common Stock	30,000		30,000	D	
Nonstatutory Stock Option (Right to Buy) NSO	\$15.69							12/02/2001	12/02/2010	Class A Common Stock	35,000		35,000	D	
Nonstatutory Stock Option (Right to Buy) NSO	\$16.3							12/07/2002	12/07/2011	Class A Common Stock	30,000		30,000	D	
Nonstatutory Stock Option (Right to Buy) NSO	\$16.5							12/06/2003	12/06/2012	Class A Common Stock	15,000		15,000	D	
Nonstatutory Stock Option (Right to Buy) NSO	\$19.94	12/05/2003		A ⁽²⁾		30,000		12/05/2004	12/05/2013	Class A Common Stock	30,000	⁽²⁾	30,000	D	

Explanation of Responses:

- Exercise of Stock Options under the Company's 1994 Stock Option Plan in a transaction exempt under Rule 16B.
- Grant of Nonstatutory Stock Option under the Company's 1994 Stock Option Plan in a transaction exempt under Rule 16b-3(c).

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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