

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <b>GAUL J HERBERT JR</b> _____ (Last) (First) (Middle) <b>C/O BERRY PETROLEUM COMPANY 5201 TRUXTUN</b> _____ (Street) <b>BAKERSFIELD CA 93309</b> _____ (City) (State) (Zip)			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <b>BERRY PETROLEUM CO [ BRY ]</b>			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) <b>12/15/2006</b>					
			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							4,000	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)
					(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				
Nonstatutory Stock Options	\$7.0312						12/02/1999	12/02/2009	Class A Common Stock	10,000		10,000	D	
Nonstatutory Stock Options	\$7.8438						12/02/2000	12/02/2010	Class A Common Stock	10,000		10,000	D	
Nonstatutory Stock Options	\$7.725						12/02/2001	12/02/2011	Class A Common Stock	10,000		10,000	D	
Nonstatutory Stock Options	\$8.07						12/02/2002	12/02/2012	Class A Common Stock	10,000		10,000	D	
Nonstatutory Stock Options	\$9.61						12/02/2003	12/02/2013	Class A Common Stock	10,000		10,000	D	
Nonstatutory Stock Options	\$21.77						12/02/2004	12/02/2014	Class A Common Stock	10,000		10,000	D	
Nonstatutory Stock Option	\$30.645						12/15/2005	12/15/2015	Class A Common Stock	10,000		10,000	D	
Phantom Stock Units <sup>(1)</sup>	\$0 <sup>(2)</sup>						08/08/1988 <sup>(3)</sup>	08/08/1988 <sup>(4)</sup>	Class A Common Stock	25,784		25,784	D	
Nonstatutory Stock Option	\$32.565	12/15/2006		A <sup>(5)</sup>		10,000	12/15/2006	12/14/2016	Class A Common Stock	10,000	\$0 <sup>(6)</sup>	10,000	D	

**Explanation of Responses:**

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- Phantom Stock Units acquired under the Company's Non-Employee Director Deferred Compensation Plan in a transaction exempt under Rule 16b-3(c). Shares of Common Stock are issued under terms of the Plan upon resignation from the board of directors.
- Phantom Stock Units acquired under the Company's Non-Employee Director Deferred Compensation Plan in a transaction exempt under Rule 16b-3(c). Shares of Common Stock are issued under terms of the Plan upon resignation from the board of directors.
- Grant of Non-statutory stock option under the Company's 2005 Equity Incentive Plan in a transaction exempt under Rule 16b-3(c). Options vest 100% on date of grant.
- Grant of Non-statutory stock option under the Company's 2005 Equity Incentive Plan in a transaction exempt under Rule 16b-3(c). Options vest 100% on date of grant.

Kenneth A Olson under POA for J. Gaul 12/18/2006

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person Date

\* 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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