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		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  Officer (give title Other (specify)											
	ost) (First) (Middle) O BERRY PETROLEUM COMPANY 01 TRUXTUN AVE., SUITE 300							3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 08/11/2005									- X Officer (give title Other (specify below)  Senior Vice President					
(Street) BAKERSFIELD CA 93309					4. If <i>i</i>	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)									6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)  X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person							
(City)																						
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				Date	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)		2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)		3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)					4 and 5) Secu Bene Own Repo		s Illy ollowing	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)		ndirect Beneficial Ownership Instr. 4)			
						_			Code	v	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price		Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)							
	ommon Stoc				/2005				S		750			).5	9,002		-					
Class A Common Stock 08/11/2											1,250			.62	<u> </u>							
	ommon Stoc				/2005	/2005			S		900	D	_	\$60.95 \$60.88		6,852 5,252		D D				
Class A Co	2005				S		1,000			-,		252		D								
Class A Co	/2005		S		100			.25	4,152		D											
Class A Common Stock 08/11/2						2005(1)				v	8(1)	A	\$0	2,5		506		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)  3. Transaction Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)  (Month/Day/Year)  3. Transaction Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)  (Month/Day/Year)  3. Transaction Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)			rative rities rired r osed )	6. Date E Expiratio (Month/D	xerci: n Dat	sable and e	7. Title an of Securit Underlyin	de and Amount decurities derlying vative Security		Price of erivative ecurity estr. 5)			10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)						
			Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisal		Expiration Date	Title	Amour or Number of Shares											
Nonstatutory Stock Option (Right to Buy) NSO	\$14.89								02/01/20	03	02/01/2012	Class A Common Stock	10,00	0		10,000	0	D				
Nonstatutory Stock Option (Right to Buy) NSO	\$16.5								12/06/20	03	12/06/2012	Class A Common Stock	15,00	0		15,000	0	D				
Nonstatutory Stock Option (Right to Buy) NSO	\$19.94								12/05/20	04	12/05/2013	Class A Common Stock	30,00	00		30,000	0	D				
Nonstatutory Stock Option (Right to Buy) NSO	\$43.16								11/23/20	05	11/23/2014	Class A Common Stock	35,00	00		35,000	0	D				

## **Explanation of Responses:**

## Remarks:

<sup>1.</sup> The change in the number of shares in the Berry Petroleum Company Common Stock Fund in the Company's 401(k) Plan is due to the required liquidation or addition of shares to cover the required cash portion of the fund from March 10, 2005 through August 11, 2005. All transactions were at market and no discretionary transactions have occurred in the holdings of Company Stock in the 401(k) Plan during the period covered.

Kenneth A. Olson under Power 08/15/2005 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).
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