

BERRY PETROLEUM CO  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
**BERRY WILLIAM F**

(Last) (First) (Middle)

**C/O BERRY PETROLEUM  
COMPANY 5201 TRUXTUN**

(Street)

**BAKERSFIELD, CA 93309**

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
**BERRY PETROLEUM CO [BRY]**

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
**06/21/2006**

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
\_\_\_\_ Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)

Retired Board 5-17-06

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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**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)
Class A Common Stock					69,444	I	As Trustee for Berry Childrens Trust
Class A Common Stock	06/21/2006		M	10,000 A	\$ 9.4688 2,872,000	D	
Class A Common Stock	06/21/2006		M	10,000 A	\$ 6.3125 2,882,000	D	
	06/21/2006		M	10,000 A	2,892,000	D	

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Class A Common Stock						\$ 7.0313		
Class A Common Stock	06/21/2006		M	10,000	A	\$ 7.8438	2,902,000	D
Class A Common Stock	06/21/2006		M	10,000	A	\$ 7.725	2,912,000	D
Class A Common Stock	06/21/2006		M	10,000	A	\$ 8.07	2,922,000	D
Class A Common Stock	06/21/2006		M	10,000	A	\$ 9.61	2,932,000	D
Class A Common Stock	06/21/2006		M	10,000	A	\$ 21.77	2,942,000	D
Class A Common Stock	06/21/2006		F	27,796	D	\$ 28	2,914,204	D

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

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**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 Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	Amount or Number of Shares	
Nonstatutory Stock Option	\$ 30.645					Date Exercisable 12/15/2005	Expiration Date 01/17/2007	Class A Common Stock	10,000
Nonstatutory Stock Option	\$ 6.3125	06/21/2006		M	10,000	12/02/1998	08/15/2006	Class A Common	10,000

								Stock	
Nonstatutory Stock Option	\$ 9.4688	06/21/2006	M	10,000	12/02/1997	08/15/2006	Class A Common Stock	10,000	
Nonstatutory Stock Options	\$ 21.77	06/21/2006	M	10,000	12/02/2004	08/15/2006	Class A Common Stock	10,000	
Nonstatutory Stock Options	\$ 7.0312	06/21/2006	M	10,000	12/02/1999	08/15/2006	Class A Common Stock	10,000	
Nonstatutory Stock Options	\$ 7.725	06/21/2006	M	10,000	12/02/2001	08/15/2006	Class A Common Stock	10,000	
Nonstatutory Stock Options	\$ 7.8438	06/21/2006	M	10,000	12/02/2000	08/15/2006	Class A Common Stock	10,000	
Nonstatutory Stock Options	\$ 8.07	06/21/2006	M	10,000	12/02/2002	08/15/2006	Class A Common Stock	10,000	
Nonstatutory Stock Options	\$ 9.61	06/21/2006	M	10,000	12/02/2003	08/15/2006	Class A Common Stock	10,000	

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
BERRY WILLIAM F C/O BERRY PETROLEUM COMPANY 5201 TRUXTUN BAKERSFIELD, CA 93309				Retired Board 5-17-06

## Signatures

Kenneth A Olson under POA or William Berry 06/23/2006

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* 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).
- (1) Exercise of Stock Options under the Company's equity plans in a transaction exempt under Rule 16b.
- (2) Exercise of Stock Options under the Company's equity plans in a transaction exempt under Rule 16b.
- (3) Exercise of Stock Options under the Company's equity plans in a transaction exempt under Rule 16b.
- (4) Exercise of Stock Options under the Company's equity plans in a transaction exempt under Rule 16b.

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- (5) Exercise of Stock Options under the Company's equity plans in a transaction exempt under Rule 16b.
- (6) Exercise of Stock Options under the Company's equity plans in a transaction exempt under Rule 16b.
- (7) Exercise of Stock Options under the Company's equity plans in a transaction exempt under Rule 16b.
- (8) Exercise of Stock Options under the Company's equity plans in a transaction exempt under Rule 16b.

### **Remarks:**

All amounts and quantities have been adjusted for the Company's 2-for-1 stock split to shareholders of record on May 17, 200

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