

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 \*  
**REHKOPF BRIAN L**

(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)  
**07/12/2006**

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)

Former Vice President

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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount (A) or (D) Price		
Class A Common Stock	07/12/2006		M		20,000 A \$ 7.8438	60,234	D
Class A Common Stock	07/12/2006		S		100 D \$ 32.32	60,134	D
Class A Common Stock	07/12/2006		S		100 D \$ 32.31	60,034	D
Class A Common	07/12/2006		S		500 D \$ 32.3	59,534	D

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Stock								
Class A Common Stock	07/12/2006	S	200	D	\$ 32.29	59,334	D	
Class A Common Stock	07/12/2006	S	100	D	\$ 32.28	59,234	D	
Class A Common Stock	07/12/2006	S	300	D	\$ 32.27	58,934	D	
Class A Common Stock	07/12/2006	S	200	D	\$ 32.26	58,734	D	
Class A Common Stock	07/12/2006	S	100	D	\$ 32.22	58,634	D	
Class A Common Stock	07/12/2006	S	200	D	\$ 32.21	58,434	D	
Class A Common Stock	07/12/2006	S	500	D	\$ 32.2	57,934	D	
Class A Common Stock	07/12/2006	S	200	D	\$ 32.15	57,734	D	
Class A Common Stock	07/12/2006	S	100	D	\$ 32.12	57,634	D	
Class A Common Stock	07/12/2006	S	100	D	\$ 32.11	57,534	D	
Class A Common Stock	07/12/2006	S	200	D	\$ 32.05	57,334	D	
Class A Common Stock	07/12/2006	S	100	D	\$ 31.81	57,234	D	
Class A Common Stock	07/12/2006	S	100	D	\$ 31.79	57,134	D	
Class A Common Stock	07/12/2006	S	300	D	\$ 31.78	56,834	D	

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Class A Common Stock	07/12/2006		S	100	D	\$ 31.76	56,734	D
Class A Common Stock	07/12/2006		S	100	D	\$ 31.74	56,634	D
Class A Common Stock	07/12/2006		S	100	D	\$ 31.72	56,534	D
Class A Common Stock	07/12/2006		S	300	D	\$ 31.71	56,234	D
Class A Common Stock	07/12/2006		S	300	D	\$ 31.7	55,934	D
Class A Common Stock	07/12/2006		S	300	D	\$ 31.69	55,634	D
Class A Common Stock	07/12/2006		S	700	D	\$ 31.68	54,934	D
Class A Common Stock	07/12/2006		S	500	D	\$ 31.67	54,434	D
Class A Common Stock	07/12/2006		S	800	D	\$ 31.66	53,634	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)		
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number

Option Type	Exercise Price	Grant Date	Expiration Date	Class	Quantity	of Shares
Nonstatutory Stock Option	\$ 9.97		12/05/2004 08/03/2006	Class A Common Stock	20,000	20,000
Nonstatutory Stock Option	\$ 21.58		11/23/2005 08/03/2006	Class A Common Stock	10,000	10,000
Nonstatutory Stock Option	\$ 7.8438	07/12/2006		Class A Common Stock	20,000	20,000

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
REHKOPF BRIAN L C/O BERRY PETROLEUM COMPANY 5201 TRUXTUN BAKERSFIELD, CA 93309				Former Vice President

## Signatures

Kenneth A Olson under POA or Brian Rehkopf  
 07/14/2006  
 \*\*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).
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