

BERRY PETROLEUM CO
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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(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)
05/05/2005

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)
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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)
Class A Common Stock				(A) or (D) Price	16,881	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)

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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 Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4)
Nonstatutory Stock Option	\$ 15.6875					12/02/2001 08/04/2006	Class A Common Stock
Nonstatutory Stock Option	\$ 16.3					12/07/2002 08/04/2006	Class A Common Stock
Nonstatutory Stock Option	\$ 16.5	05/05/2005		H ⁽¹⁾	3,750	12/06/2003 08/04/2006	Class A Common Stock
Restricted Stock Units	\$ 0 ⁽³⁾	05/05/2006		H ⁽⁴⁾	1,500	⁽⁵⁾ 05/05/2006 ⁽⁶⁾	Class A Common Stock
Nonstatutory Stock Option	\$ 19.94	05/05/2006		H ⁽⁷⁾	10,000	12/05/2004 08/04/2006	Class A Common Stock
Nonstatutory Stock Option	\$ 43.16	05/05/2006		H ⁽⁹⁾	15,000	11/23/2005 08/04/2006	Class A Common Stock
Nonstatutory Stock Option	\$ 61.29	05/05/2006		H ⁽¹¹⁾	6,000	12/15/2006 05/05/2006	Class A Common Stock

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 05/09/2006

**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) Expiration of unvested options and restricted stock units upon termination of employment.
- (2) Expiration of unvested options and restricted stock units upon termination of employment.
- (3) Expiration of unvested options and restricted stock units upon termination of employment.
- (4) Expiration of unvested options and restricted stock units upon termination of employment.
- (5) The restricted stock units vests in four equal annual installments beginning December 15, 2006. Shares of Class A Common Stock will be delivered to the reporting person at the time of vesting.
- (6) The restricted stock units vests in four equal annual installments beginning December 15, 2006. Shares of Class A Common Stock will be delivered to the reporting person at the time of vesting.
- (7) Expiration of unvested options and restricted stock units upon termination of employment.
- (8) Expiration of unvested options and restricted stock units upon termination of employment.
- (9) Expiration of unvested options and restricted stock units upon termination of employment.
- (10) Expiration of unvested options and restricted stock units upon termination of employment.
- (11) Expiration of unvested options and restricted stock units upon termination of employment.
- (12) Expiration of unvested options and restricted stock units upon termination of employment.

Remarks:

Mr. Rehkopf resigned as an employee and as an officer of the Company on May 5, 2006.

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