

JAMIESON THOMAS J
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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 *
JAMIESON THOMAS J

(Last) (First) (Middle)

**C/O BERRY PETROLEUM
 COMPANY, 5201 TRUXTUN
 AVE., SUITE 300**

(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)
08/23/2005

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)

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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| | | | | (A) or (D) | Price | | |
| | | | | Code | V | Amount | |
| Class A Common Stock | | | | | | I | Owned by corporation |
| Class A Common Stock | 08/23/2005 | | M | 3,000 | A | \$ 10.625 | 6,000 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 (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) | |
|---|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|--|--|---|----------------------|
| | | | | Code | V (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title |
| Phantom Stock Units ⁽²⁾ ₍₃₎ | \$ 0 ⁽¹⁾ | | | | | 08/08/1988 ⁽²⁾ | 08/08/1988 ⁽³⁾ | Class A Common Stock |
| Non-Statutory Stock Option (NSO) ⁽⁴⁾ | \$ 10.625 | 08/23/2005 | | M | 3,000 | 12/02/1995 | 12/02/2005 | Class A Common Stock |
| Non-Statutory Stock Option (NSO) ⁽⁴⁾ | \$ 13.75 | | | | | 12/02/1996 | 12/02/2006 | Class A Common Stock |
| Non-Statutory Stock Option (NSO) ⁽⁴⁾ | \$ 18.94 | | | | | 05/15/1998 | 12/02/2007 | Class A Common Stock |
| Non-Statutory Stock Option (NSO) ⁽⁴⁾ | \$ 12.625 | | | | | 12/02/1998 | 12/02/2008 | Class A Common Stock |
| Non-Statutory Stock Option (NSO) ⁽⁴⁾ | \$ 14.0625 | | | | | 12/02/1999 | 12/02/2009 | Class A Common Stock |
| Non-Statutory Stock Option (NSO) ⁽⁴⁾ | \$ 15.69 | | | | | 12/02/2000 | 12/02/2010 | Class A Common Stock |
| Non-Statutory Stock Option (NSO) ⁽⁴⁾ | \$ 15.45 | | | | | 12/02/2001 | 12/02/2011 | Class A Common Stock |
| Non-Statutory Stock Option (NSO) ⁽⁴⁾ | \$ 16.14 | | | | | 12/02/2002 | 12/02/2012 | Class A Common Stock |
| Non-Statutory Stock Option (NSO) ⁽⁴⁾ | \$ 19.22 | | | | | 12/02/2003 | 12/02/2013 | Class A Common Stock |

