

BUSCH RALPH B III
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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 *
BUSCH RALPH B III

(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)
12/21/2006

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)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
X 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) Code V Amount (D) Price			
Class A Common Stock					152,578	D	
Class A Common Stock					97,750	I	As Co-Trustee of Charitable Trust
Class A Common Stock					128,040	I	As Co-Trustee of Union Bank Trust

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Class A Common Stock	12/21/2006	S	500	D	\$ 31.32	7,500	I	Shares Busch Family Foundation
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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	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 of Shares
Nonstatutory Stock Options	\$ 7.8438					12/02/2000	12/02/2010	Class A Common Stock	10,000
Nonstatutory Stock Options	\$ 7.725					12/02/2001	12/02/2011	Class A Common Stock	10,000
Nonstatutory Stock Options	\$ 8.07					12/02/2002	12/02/2012	Class A Common Stock	10,000
Nonstatutory Stock Options	\$ 9.61					12/02/2003	12/02/2013	Class A Common Stock	10,000
Nonstatutory Stock Options	\$ 21.77					12/02/2004	12/02/2014	Class A Common Stock	10,000
Nonstatutory Stock Option	\$ 30.645					12/15/2005	12/15/2015	Class A Common Stock	10,000
	\$ 0 ⁽²⁾					08/08/1988 ⁽³⁾	08/08/1988 ⁽⁴⁾		13,200

Phantom
Stock Units
(1)

Class A
Common
Stock

Nonstatutory \$ 32.565
Stock Option

12/15/2006 12/14/2016

Class A
Common 10,0
Stock

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other

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Signatures

Kenneth A Olson under POA for Ralph Busch 12/22/2006

**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) 1 for 1
- (2) 1 for 1
- (3) Phantom Stock Units acquired under the Company's Non-Employee Director Deferred Compensation Plan in a transaction exempt under Rule 16b-3(c). Shares of Common Stock are issued under terms of the Plan upon resignation from the board of directors.
- (4) Phantom Stock Units acquired under the Company's Non-Employee Director Deferred Compensation Plan in a transaction exempt under Rule 16b-3(c). Shares of Common Stock are issued under terms of the Plan upon resignation from the board of directors.

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