

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 \*  
Kelso Bruce S

(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)  
03/29/2006

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)  
Vice President

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**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)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Class A Common Stock	03/29/2006		M <sup>(3)</sup>		500	A	\$ 19.94
Class A Common Stock	03/29/2006		M <sup>(3)</sup>		3,750	A	\$ 43.16
Class A Common Stock	03/29/2006		S		100	D	\$ 71.03
Class A Common Stock	03/29/2006		S		4,150	D	\$ 71 0

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Common  
Stock

Class A  
Common  
Stock

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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 of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title Amount or Number of Shares
Nonstatutory Stock Option (Right to Buy) NSO	\$ 17.9					08/23/2004 08/23/2013	Class A Common Stock 5,000
Nonstatutory Stock Option (Right to Buy) NSO	\$ 19.94	03/29/2006		M <sup>(3)</sup>	500	12/05/2004 12/05/2013	Class A Common Stock 500
Nonstatutory Stock Option (Right to Buy) NSO	\$ 43.16	03/29/2006		M <sup>(3)</sup>	3,750	11/23/2005 11/23/2014	Class A Common Stock 3,750
Nonstatutory Stock Option (Right to Buy) NSO	\$ 61.29					12/15/2006 12/15/2015	Class A Common Stock 10,000
Nonstatutory Stock Option (Right to Buy) NSO	\$ 68.12					03/22/2009 03/21/2016	Class A Common Stock 20,000

