

BERRY PETROLEUM CO
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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 *
DALE DONALD A

(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)
03/09/2005

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)
Controller

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)
			Code	V	Amount or Price		
Class A Common Stock	03/09/2005		M		7,500 (1) A \$ 12.5	13,024	D
Class A Common Stock	03/09/2005		F		3,687 (1) D \$ 62.78	9,337	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 of Underlying Security (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	\$ 12.5	03/09/2005		M ⁽¹⁾	7,500	12/04/1999	12/04/2008	Class A Common Stock	7
Nonstatutory Stock Option (Right to Buy) NSO	\$ 15.69					12/02/2001	12/02/2010	Class A Common Stock	1
Nonstatutory Stock Option (Right to Buy) NSO	\$ 16.3					12/07/2002	12/07/2011	Class A Common Stock	2
Nonstatutory Stock Option (Right to Buy) NSO	\$ 16.5					12/06/2003	12/06/2012	Class A Common Stock	2
Nonstatutory Stock Option (Right to Buy) NSO	\$ 19.94					12/05/2004	12/05/2013	Class A Common Stock	5
Nonstatutory Stock Option (Right to Buy) NSO	\$ 43.16	11/23/2004		A	6,000	11/23/2005	11/23/2014	Class A Common Stock	6

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
DALE DONALD A C/O BERRY PETROLEUM COMPANY			Controller	

5201 TRUXTUN AVE., SUITE 300
BAKERSFIELD, CA 93309

Signatures

Kenneth A. Olson under Power of Attorney
on file

03/11/2005

__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) Exercise of stock option under the Company's 1994 Stock Option Plan in a transaction exempt under Rule 16B.

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