

BERRY PETROLEUM CO

Form 4

July 18, 2005

FORM 4**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
BUSCH RALPH B III

(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)

07/11/2005

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
☐ 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)
Class A Common Stock				(A) or (D)			
			Code	V	Amount		Price
						83,039	D
Class A Common Stock						49,875	I
							(1) As Co-Trustee of a Charitable Remainder Trust
Class A Common	07/11/2005		S	2,000	D	\$ 64,220	I
						58.17	(2) As Co-Trustee

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Stock

of shares
held in a
trust at
Union Bank
of
California

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 Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	Amount or Number of Shares
Phantom Stock Units	\$ 0 ⁽¹⁾					08/08/1988 ⁽²⁾ 08/08/1988 ⁽³⁾	Class A Common Stock	5,
Non-Statutory Stock Option (NSO) ⁽⁴⁾	\$ 15.69					12/02/2000 12/02/2010	Class A Common Stock	5,
Non-Statutory Stock Option (NSO) ⁽⁴⁾	\$ 15.45					12/02/2001 12/02/2011	Class A Common Stock	5,
Non-Statutory Stock Option (NSO) ⁽⁴⁾	\$ 16.14					12/02/2002 12/02/2012	Class A Common Stock	5,
Non-Statutory Stock Option (NSO) ⁽⁴⁾	\$ 19.22					12/02/2003 12/02/2013	Class A Common Stock	5,
Non-Statutory Stock Option	\$ 43.54					12/02/2004 12/02/2014	Class A Common	5,

(NSO) (4)

Stock

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
	Director 10% Owner Officer Other
BUSCH RALPH B III C/O BERRY PETROLEUM COMPANY 5201 TRUXTUN AVE., SUITE 300 BAKERSFIELD, CA 93309	X

Signatures

Kenneth A. Olson under POA for Ralph B.
Busch III.

07/18/2005

 Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

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(1) 1 for 1

(2) Phantom Stock Units acquired under the Company's Non-Employee Director Deferred Stock and Compensation Plan in a transaction exempt under Rule 16b-3(c). Shares are exercisable under the terms of the Plan upon resignation from the Board.

(3) Phantom Stock Units acquired under the Company's Non-Employee Director Deferred Stock and Compensation Plan in a transaction exempt under Rule 16b-3(c). Shares expire under the terms of the Plan upon resignation from the Board.

(4) NSO - Right to buy Berry Petroleum Company Class A Common Stock

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