

BERRY PETROLEUM CO  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

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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)  
12/14/2007

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  
\_\_\_ 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)	144,078	D	
Class A Common Stock				(A) or (D)	90,000	I	As Co-Trustee of Charitable Trust
Class A Common Stock				(A) or (D)	126,665	I	As Co-Trustee of Union Bank Trust Shares

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Class A Common Stock	7,500	I	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 (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 Underlying S (Instr. 3 and 4)			
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title
Nonstatutory Stock Options	\$ 7.8438					12/02/2000	12/02/2010			Class A Common Stock
Nonstatutory Stock Options	\$ 7.725					12/02/2001	12/02/2011			Class A Common Stock
Nonstatutory Stock Options	\$ 8.07					12/02/2002	12/02/2012			Class A Common Stock
Nonstatutory Stock Options	\$ 9.61					12/02/2003	12/02/2013			Class A Common Stock
Nonstatutory Stock Options	\$ 21.77					12/02/2004	12/02/2014			Class A Common Stock
Nonstatutory Stock Option	\$ 30.645					12/15/2005	12/15/2015			Class A Common Stock
Phantom Stock Units <u>(1)</u>	\$ 0 <sup>(2)</sup>					08/08/1988 <sup>(3)</sup>	08/08/1988 <sup>(4)</sup>			Class A Common Stock
	\$ 32.565					12/15/2006	12/14/2016			



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Grant of Non-statutory stock option under the Company's 2005 Equity Incentive Plan in a transaction exempt under Rule 16b-3(c).  
Options are 100% vested on date of grant.

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