

BERRY PETROLEUM CO  
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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 \*  
**OLSON KENNETH 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)  
**09/14/2005**

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)  
 Corporate Secretary

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)		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)
				(A) or (D)	Amount or Price			
Class A Common Stock	09/14/2005		S	300	D	\$ 63.9 3,686	D	
Class A Common Stock	09/14/2005		S	200	D	\$ 63.93 3,486	D	
Class A Common Stock	09/14/2005		S	100	D	\$ 63.87 3,386	D	
Class A Common Stock	09/14/2005		S	100	D	\$ 3,286	D	

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Common Stock						63.76	
Class A Common Stock	09/14/2005	S	100	D	\$ 64.02	3,186	D
Class A Common Stock	09/14/2005	S	200	D	\$ 64.01	2,986	D
Class A Common Stock	09/14/2005	S	200	D	\$ 64.03	2,786	D
Class A Common Stock	09/14/2005	S	300	D	\$ 63.95	2,486	D
Class A Common Stock	09/14/2005	S	500	D	\$ 63.97	1,986	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 Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)		
						Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
				Code	V (A) (D)				
Nonstatutory Stock Option (Right to Buy) NSO	\$ 16.3					12/07/2002	12/07/2011	Class A Common Stock	2,750
Nonstatutory Stock Option	\$ 16.5					12/06/2003	12/06/2012	Class A Common	3,000

(Right to Buy) NSO					Stock	
Nonstatutory Stock Option (Right to Buy) NSO	\$ 19.94	12/05/2004	12/05/2013	Class A Common Stock		5,000
Nonstatutory Stock Option (Right to Buy) NSO	\$ 43.16	11/23/2005	11/23/2014	Class A Common Stock		5,000

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
OLSON KENNETH A C/O BERRY PETROLEUM COMPANY 5201 TRUXTUN AVE., SUITE 300 BAKERSFIELD, CA 93309			Corporate Secretary	

## Signatures

Kenneth A. Olson                      09/16/2005

\_\_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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