

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 *
GOEHRING RALPH J

(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)
12/30/2005

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)
Executive VP and CFO

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| | | | | (A) or (D) Code V Amount (D) Price | | | |
| Class A Common Stock | | | | | 24,506 | D | |
| Class A Common Stock | 12/30/2005 | | J | V 13 <u>(1)</u> A <u>\$ 0</u> <u>(1)</u> | 2,456 | I | Held in 401(k) Plan |

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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 | \$ 16.3 | | | | | 12/07/2002 | 12/07/2011 | Class A Common Stock | 30,000 |
| Nonstatutory Stock Option (Right to Buy) NSO | \$ 16.5 | | | | | 12/06/2003 | 12/06/2012 | Class A Common Stock | 15,000 |
| Nonstatutory Stock Option (Right to Buy) NSO | \$ 19.94 | | | | | 12/05/2004 | 12/05/2013 | Class A Common Stock | 30,000 |
| Nonstatutory Stock Option (Right to Buy) NSO | \$ 43.16 | | | | | 11/23/2005 | 11/23/2014 | Class A Common Stock | 35,000 |
| Nonstatutory Stock Option (Right to Buy) NSO | \$ 61.29 | | | | | 12/15/2006 | 12/15/2015 | Class A Common Stock | 20,000 |
| Restricted Stock Units (RSU) ⁽²⁾ | \$ 0 ⁽²⁾ | | | | | ⁽³⁾ | ⁽³⁾ | Class A Common Stock | 5,000 |

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

GOEHRING RALPH J
C/O BERRY PETROLEUM COMPANY
5201 TRUXTUN AVE., SUITE 300
BAKERSFIELD, CA 93309

Executive VP and CFO

Signatures

Kenneth A. Olson under Power of Attorney
on file

01/03/2006

__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).
- The change in the number of shares in the Berry Petroleum Company Common Stock Fund in the Company's 401(k) Plan is due to the
- (1) required acquisition or liquidation of shares to cover the required cash portion of the fund since the prior report. All transactions were at market and no discretionary transactions have occurred in the holdings of Company Stock in the 401(k) Plan.
 - (2) Each RSU represents a contingent right to receive one share of Berry Petroleum Company Class A Common Stock.
 - (3) The restricted stock units vest in four equal annual installments beginning December 15, 2006. Shares of Class A Common Stock will be delivered to the reporting person at the time of vesting.

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