

BERRY PETROLEUM CO
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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 *
CRAWFORD GEORGE T

(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)
12/15/2006

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)
VP of CA Production

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 Indirect Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|--|
| | | | Code | V Amount (A) or (D) Price | | | |
| Class A Common Stock | 12/15/2006 | | J | V 16 ⁽⁸⁾ A \$ 0 | 2,093 | I | Held in 401(k) Plan |
| Class A Common Stock | 12/15/2006 | | M ⁽⁹⁾ | 1,250 A \$ 32.565 | 5,750 | D | |
| Class A Common Stock | 12/15/2006 | | F ⁽¹⁵⁾ | 447 D \$ 32.565 | 5,303 | 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 Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4) | |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|----------------------|
| | | | | Code | V (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title |
| Nonstatutory Stock Option | \$ 6.25 | | | | | 12/04/1999 | 12/04/2008 | Class A Common Stock |
| Nonstatutory Stock Option | \$ 7.8438 | | | | | 12/02/2001 | 12/01/2010 | Class A Common Stock |
| Nonstatutory Stock Option | \$ 8.15 | | | | | 12/07/2002 | 12/07/2011 | Class A Common Stock |
| Nonstatutory Stock Option | \$ 8.25 | | | | | 12/06/2003 | 12/06/2012 | Class A Common Stock |
| Nonstatutory Stock Option | \$ 9.97 | | | | | 12/05/2004 | 12/05/2013 | Class A Common Stock |
| Nonstatutory Stock Option | \$ 21.58 | | | | | 11/23/2005 | 11/23/2014 | Class A Common Stock |
| Nonstatutory Stock Option | \$ 30.645 | | | | | 12/15/2006 | 12/15/2015 | Class A Common Stock |
| Restricted Stock Units ⁽¹⁾ | \$ 0 ⁽²⁾ | 12/15/2006 | | A | 6,000 | ⁽⁴⁾ | ⁽⁵⁾ | Class A Common Stock |
| Nonstatutory Stock Option | \$ 32.565 | 12/15/2006 | | A ⁽⁶⁾ | 20,000 | 12/15/2007 | 12/14/2016 | Class A Common Stock |
| Restricted Stock Units | \$ 0 ⁽¹¹⁾ | 12/15/2006 | | M ⁽¹²⁾ | 1,250 | ⁽¹³⁾ | ⁽¹⁴⁾ | Class A Common |

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Stock

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| CRAWFORD GEORGE T C/O BERRY PETROLEUM COMPANY 5201 TRUXTUN BAKERSFIELD, CA 93309 | | | VP of CA Production | |

Signatures

Kenneth A Olson under POA for George
Crawford 12/19/2006

__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).
- (1) 1 for 1
- (2) Each RSU represents a contingent right to receive one share of Berry Petroleum Company Class A Common Stock
- (3) The restricted stock units vests in four equal annual installments beginning December 15, 2007. Shares of Class A Common Stock will be delivered to the reporting person at the time of vesting.
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- (5) The restricted stock units vests in four equal annual installments beginning December 15, 2007. Shares of Class A Common Stock will be delivered to the reporting person at the time of vesting.
- (6) Grant of Nonstatutory Stock Option (NSO) under the Company's 2005 Equity Incentive Plan in a transaction exempt under Rule 16b-3(c). Shares vest 25% per year from date of grant.
- (7) Grant of Nonstatutory Stock Option (NSO) under the Company's 2005 Equity Incentive Plan in a transaction exempt under Rule 16b-3(c). Shares vest 25% per year from date of grant.
- (8) Shares of Common Stock acquired by the reporting person in the Company's 401(k) Plan. All transactions were at market and were non-discretionary.
- (9) Vested shares issued pursuant to Rule 16b-3 plan.
- (10) 1 for 1
- (11) Each RSU represents a contingent right to receive one share of Berry Petroleum Company Class A Common Stock
- (12) Vesting of 25% of RSUs granted 12-15-2006
- (13) The restricted stock units vests 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.
- (14) The restricted stock units vests 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.
- (15) Shares withheld incident to vesting of RSUs for the payment of tax liability issued in accordance with Rule 16b-3.

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