

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 *
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)
03/31/2008

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)
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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					144,238	D	
Class A Common Stock					90,000	I	As Co-Trustee of Charitable Trust
Class A Common Stock					126,665	I	As Co-Trustee of Union Bank Trust Shares

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Class A Common Stock	7,000	I	Busch Family Foundation
Class A Common Stock	532	I	As Custodian for Minor Children

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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Nonstatutory Stock Options 12-2-2000	\$ 7.8438					12/02/2000	12/02/2010	Class A Common Stock	10
Nonstatutory Stock Options 12-2-01	\$ 7.725					12/02/2001	12/02/2011	Class A Common Stock	10
Nonstatutory Stock Options 12-2-02	\$ 8.07					12/02/2002	12/02/2012	Class A Common Stock	10
Nonstatutory Stock Options 12-2-03	\$ 9.61					12/02/2003	12/02/2013	Class A Common Stock	10
Nonstatutory Stock	\$ 21.77					12/02/2004	12/02/2014	Class A Common	10

Options								Stock	
12-2-04									
Nonstatutory								Class A	
Stock Option	\$ 30.645				12/15/2005	12/15/2015	Common	10	
12-15-05									
Nonstatutory								Class A	
Stock Option	\$ 32.565				12/15/2006	12/14/2016	Common	10	
12-15-06									
2007								Class A	
Restricted	\$ 0				01/01/2008 ⁽²⁾	12/13/2017 ⁽³⁾	Common	1,	
Stock Unit ⁽¹⁾									
NSO 2007								Class A	
	\$ 43.61				12/14/2007	12/13/2017	Common	3,	
Stock									
Phantom								Class A	
Stock Units	\$ 0 ⁽⁴⁾	03/31/2008	A	305	08/08/1988	08/08/1988	Common	15	
Stock									

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other

BUSCH RALPH B III
 C/O BERRY PETROLEUM COMPANY 5201 TRUXTUN
 BAKERSFIELD, CA 93309

Signatures

Kenneth A Olson under POA for Ralph
 Busch 04/02/2008

 **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) The RSU granted is 100% vested at the date of grant but the receipt of shares are subject to a deferral period which is generally at least four years from the grant date as per the deferral election.
- (3) The RSU is subject to a deferral election. Shares of Class A Common Stock will be delivered to the reporting person as per the terms of the deferral election.
- (4) Phantom Stock Units acquired under the Company's Non-Employee Director Deferred Compensation Plan in a transaction exempt under Rule 16b-3(c). Shares of Common Stock are issued under terms of the Plan upon resignation from the board of directors.

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