

BERRY PETROLEUM CO
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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 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)
03/28/2006

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)

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 Indirect Ownership (Instr. 4)	
				(A) or (D)	Price			
				Code	V	Amount		
Class A Common Stock	03/28/2006		S	2,500	D	\$ 70.5808	76,189	D
Class A Common Stock	03/29/2006		J ⁽⁴⁾	1,000	D	\$ 0	48,875	I
Class A Common							64,020	I

(1) As Co-Trustee of a Charitable Remainder Trust
(2) As Co-Trustee

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Stock						of shares held in a trust at Union Bank of California
Class A Common Stock				4,000	I	Busch Family Foundation

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
Phantom Stock Units ⁽²⁾	\$ 0 ⁽¹⁾					08/08/1988 ⁽²⁾	08/08/1988 ⁽²⁾	Class A Common Stock	6,
Non-Statutory Stock Option (NSO) ⁽³⁾	\$ 15.69					12/02/2000	12/02/2010	Class A Common Stock	5,
Non-Statutory Stock Option (NSO) ⁽³⁾	\$ 15.45					12/02/2001	12/02/2011	Class A Common Stock	5,
Non-Statutory Stock Option (NSO) ⁽³⁾	\$ 16.14					12/02/2002	12/02/2012	Class A Common Stock	5,
Non-Statutory Stock Option	\$ 19.22					12/02/2003	12/02/2013	Class A Common	5,

(NSO) ⁽³⁾				Stock
Non-Statutory				Class A
Stock Option	\$ 43.54	12/02/2004	12/02/2014	Common 5,
(NSO) ⁽³⁾				Stock
Non-Statutory				Class A
Stock Option	\$ 61.29	12/15/2005	12/15/2015	Common 5,
(NSO) ⁽³⁾				Stock

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
BUSCH RALPH B III C/O BERRY PETROLEUM COMPANY 5201 TRUXTUN AVE., SUITE 300 BAKERSFIELD, CA 93309	X			

Signatures

Kenneth A. Olson under POA for Ralph B. Busch III.	03/30/2006
__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) Phantom Stock Units acquired under the Company's Non-Employee Director Deferred Stock and Compensation Plan in a transaction exempt under Rule 16b-3(c). Shares are issued under the terms of the Plan upon resignation from the Board.
- (3) NSO - Right to buy Berry Petroleum Company Class A Common Stock
- (4) Required distribution from a charitable trust as per terms of trust document.

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