

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 *
JAMIESON THOMAS 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)
05/16/2005

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)

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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)		
				(A) or (D)	Price				
				Code	V	Amount			
Class A Common Stock	05/16/2005		P	100	A	\$ 41.7	10,200	I	Owned by corporation
Class A Common Stock	05/16/2005		P	1,000	A	\$ 41.55	11,200	I	Owned by corporation
Class A Common Stock	05/16/2005		P	2,200	A	\$ 41.38	13,400	I	Owned by corporation
Class A Common Stock	05/16/2005		P	700	A	\$	14,100	I	Owned by

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Common Stock					41.75			corporation	
Class A Common Stock	05/16/2005		P	2,700	A	\$ 41.6	16,800	I	Owned by corporation
Class A Common Stock	05/16/2005		P	100	A	\$ 41.58	16,900	I	Owned by corporation
Class A Common Stock							3,000	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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4)
Deferred Stock Units ⁽²⁾ ₍₃₎	\$ 0 ⁽¹⁾					08/08/1988 ⁽²⁾ 08/08/1988 ⁽³⁾	Class A Common Stock 12
Non-Statutory Stock Option (NSO) ⁽⁴⁾	\$ 10.625					12/02/1995 12/02/2005	Class A Common Stock 3,
Non-Statutory Stock Option (NSO) ⁽⁴⁾	\$ 13.75					12/02/1996 12/02/2006	Class A Common Stock 3,
Non-Statutory Stock Option (NSO) ⁽⁴⁾	\$ 18.94					05/15/1998 12/02/2007	Class A Common Stock 5,

Non-Statutory Stock Option (NSO) ⁽⁴⁾	\$ 12.625	12/02/1998	12/02/2008	Class A Common Stock	5,
Non-Statutory Stock Option (NSO) ⁽⁴⁾	\$ 14.0625	12/02/1999	12/02/2009	Class A Common Stock	5,
Non-Statutory Stock Option (NSO) ⁽⁴⁾	\$ 15.69	12/02/2000	12/02/2010	Class A Common Stock	5,
Non-Statutory Stock Option (NSO) ⁽⁴⁾	\$ 15.45	12/02/2001	12/02/2011	Class A Common Stock	5,
Non-Statutory Stock Option (NSO) ⁽⁴⁾	\$ 16.14	12/02/2002	12/02/2012	Class A Common Stock	5,
Non-Statutory Stock Option (NSO) ⁽⁴⁾	\$ 19.22	12/02/2003	12/02/2013	Class A Common Stock	5,
Non-Statutory Stock Option (NSO) ⁽⁴⁾	\$ 43.54	12/02/2004	12/02/2014	Class A Common Stock	5,

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
JAMIESON THOMAS J C/O BERRY PETROLEUM COMPANY 5201 TRUXTUN AVE., SUITE 300 BAKERSFIELD, CA 93309	X			

Signatures

Kenneth A. Olson under POA for Thomas J.
Jamieson

05/18/2005

__Signature of Reporting Person
Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).
 - ** 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
Deferred Stock Units which are economically equivalent to shares of Common Stock earned under the Company's Non-Employee
 - (2) Director Deferred Stock and Compensation Plan in transactions exempt under Rule 16b-3(c). Deferred Stock Units will be issued in shares of Common Stock under the terms of the Plan upon resignation from the Board.
 - (3) Deferred Stock Units which are economically equivalent to shares of Common Stock earned under the Company's Non-Employee Director Deferred Stock and Compensation Plan in transactions exempt under Rule 16b-3(c). Deferred Stock Units expire under the terms

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of the Plan upon resignation from the Board.

(4) NSO - Right to buy Berry Petroleum Company Class A Common Stock

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