

BERRY PETROLEUM CO  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

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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 \*  
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)  
03/09/2005

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)

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)	Price			
				Code	V	Amount		
Class A Common Stock	03/09/2005		M <sup>(5)</sup>	3,000	A	\$ 13.75	79,324	D
Class A Common Stock	03/09/2005		M <sup>(5)</sup>	5,000	A	\$ 18.9375	84,324	D
Class A Common Stock	03/09/2005		M <sup>(5)</sup>	5,000	A	\$ 14.0625	89,324	D
Class A Common Stock	03/09/2005		F <sup>(5)</sup>	3,285	D	\$ 62.78	86,039	D

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Common  
Stock

Class A  
Common  
Stock

49,875

I

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

Class A  
Common  
Stock

66,220

I

(2) As  
Co-Trustee  
of shares  
held in a  
trust at  
Union Bank  
of  
California

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 (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
Phantom Stock Units	\$ 0 <sup>(1)</sup>					08/08/1988 <sup>(2)</sup> 08/08/1988 <sup>(3)</sup>	Class A Common Stock
Non-Statutory Stock Option (NSO) <sup>(4)</sup>	\$ 13.75	03/09/2005		M <sup>(5)</sup>	3,000	12/02/1996 12/02/2006	Class A Common Stock
Non-Statutory Stock Option (NSO) <sup>(4)</sup>	\$ 18.94	03/09/2005		M <sup>(5)</sup>	5,000	05/15/1998 12/02/2007	Class A Common Stock



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