

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 *
OLSON KENNETH A

(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)
09/14/2005

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)
 Corporate Secretary

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) | | 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 | | | |
| Class A Common Stock | 09/14/2005 | | S | 300 | D | \$ 63.9 3,686 | D | |
| Class A Common Stock | 09/14/2005 | | S | 200 | D | \$ 63.93 3,486 | D | |
| Class A Common Stock | 09/14/2005 | | S | 100 | D | \$ 63.87 3,386 | D | |
| Class A Common Stock | 09/14/2005 | | S | 100 | D | \$ 3,286 | D | |

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|----------------------|------------|---|-----|---|----------|-------|---|
| Common Stock | | | | | | 63.76 | |
| Class A Common Stock | 09/14/2005 | S | 100 | D | \$ 64.02 | 3,186 | D |
| Class A Common Stock | 09/14/2005 | S | 200 | D | \$ 64.01 | 2,986 | D |
| Class A Common Stock | 09/14/2005 | S | 200 | D | \$ 64.03 | 2,786 | D |
| Class A Common Stock | 09/14/2005 | S | 300 | D | \$ 63.95 | 2,486 | D |
| Class A Common Stock | 09/14/2005 | S | 500 | D | \$ 63.97 | 1,986 | 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 Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | | |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|----------------------|----------------------------|
| | | | | | | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
| | | | | Code | V (A) (D) | | | | |
| Nonstatutory Stock Option (Right to Buy) NSO | \$ 16.3 | | | | | 12/07/2002 | 12/07/2011 | Class A Common Stock | 2,750 |
| Nonstatutory Stock Option | \$ 16.5 | | | | | 12/06/2003 | 12/06/2012 | Class A Common | 3,000 |

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|--|----------|------------|------------|----------------------|-------|-------|
| (Right to Buy) NSO | | | | | Stock | |
| Nonstatutory Stock Option (Right to Buy) NSO | \$ 19.94 | 12/05/2004 | 12/05/2013 | Class A Common Stock | | 5,000 |
| Nonstatutory Stock Option (Right to Buy) NSO | \$ 43.16 | 11/23/2005 | 11/23/2014 | Class A Common Stock | | 5,000 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| OLSON KENNETH A C/O BERRY PETROLEUM COMPANY 5201 TRUXTUN AVE., SUITE 300 BAKERSFIELD, CA 93309 | | | Corporate Secretary | |

Signatures

Kenneth A. Olson 09/16/2005

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

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