

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 *
Kelso Bruce S

(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)
09/30/2006

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)
VP of Rocky Mtn. and Mid Conti

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
X Form filed by One Reporting Person
___ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

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)
			Code	V Amount (D) Price			
Class A Common Stock					0	D	
Class A Common Stock	09/30/2006		J	V 143 ⁽⁵⁾ A \$ 0 689		I	Held in 401(k) Plan

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)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title Amount or Number of Shares
Nonstatutory Stock Option	\$ 8.95					08/23/2004 08/23/2013	Class A Common Stock 10,000
Nonstatutory Stock Option	\$ 9.97					12/05/2004 12/05/2013	Class A Common Stock 2,000
Nonstatutory Stock Option	\$ 21.58					11/23/2005 11/23/2014	Class A Common Stock 22,500
Nonstatutory Stock Option	\$ 30.645					12/15/2006 12/15/2015	Class A Common Stock 20,000
Nonstatutory Stock Option	\$ 34.06					03/22/2009 ⁽¹⁾ 03/22/2016	Class A Common Stock 40,000
Restricted Stock Units	\$ 0 ⁽²⁾					⁽³⁾ ⁽⁴⁾	Class A Common Stock 5,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Kelso Bruce S C/O BERRY PETROLEUM COMPANY 5201 TRUXTUN BAKERSFIELD, CA 93309			VP of Rocky Mtn. and Mid Conti	

Signatures

Kenneth A Olson under POA for Bruce
Kelso

10/03/2006

__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) Non Statutory Stock Options (NSO). NSOs vest 100% 3 years from date of grant.
 - (2) Each RSU represents a contingent right to receive one share of Berry Petroleum Company Class A Common Stock
 - (3) The restricted stock units vests in four equal annual installments beginning December 15, 2006. Shares of Class A Common Stock will be delivered to the reporting person at the time of vesting.
 - (4) The restricted stock units vests in four equal annual installments beginning December 15, 2006. Shares of Class A Common Stock will be delivered to the reporting person at the time of vesting.
 - (5) Shares of Common Stock acquired by the reporting person in the Company's 401(k) Plan. All transactions were at market and were non-discretionary.

Remarks:

All prices and quantities have been adjusted for the Company's 2-for-1 stock split as of May 17, 2006.

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