

BUSCH RALPH B III  
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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 \*  
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)  
12/30/2005

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  
 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 Indirect Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
				Code	V	Amount	
Class A Common Stock	12/27/2005		G	V	4,000	D	\$ 0 (4) 79,039
Class A Common Stock	12/27/2005		G	V	350	D	\$ 0 78,689
Class A Common Stock						I	49,875 (1) As Co-Trustee of a Charitable Remainder

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Class A Common Stock						64,020	I	Trust (2) As Co-Trustee of shares held in a trust at Union Bank of California
Class A Common Stock	12/27/2005		G V	4,000	A	\$ 0 (5)	4,000	I (5) 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 Am Underlying Sec (Instr. 3 and 4)
Phantom Stock Units (2)	\$ 0 (1)	12/30/2005		A	208	08/08/1988(2) 08/08/1988(2)	Class A Common Stock
Non-Statutory Stock Option (NSO) (3)	\$ 15.69					12/02/2000 12/02/2010	Class A Common Stock
Non-Statutory Stock Option (NSO) (3)	\$ 15.45					12/02/2001 12/02/2011	Class A Common Stock
Non-Statutory Stock Option (NSO) (3)	\$ 16.14					12/02/2002 12/02/2012	Class A Common Stock
	\$ 19.22					12/02/2003 12/02/2013	

