

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 \*  
DALE DONALD 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)  
03/08/2006

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)  
Controller

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		
Class A Common Stock	03/08/2006		M <sup>(3)</sup>	2,250	A \$ 16.3	4,091	D
Class A Common Stock	03/08/2006		M <sup>(3)</sup>	1,500	A \$ 16.5	5,591	D
Class A Common Stock	03/08/2006		M <sup>(3)</sup>	250	A \$ 19.94	5,841	D
Class A Common Stock	03/08/2006		F <sup>(3)</sup>	2,092	D \$ 65.9	3,749	D

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Common  
Stock

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 (Right to Buy) NSO	\$ 16.3	03/08/2006		M <sup>(3)</sup>	2,250	12/07/2002	12/07/2011	Class A Common Stock	2,250
Nonstatutory Stock Option (Right to Buy) NSO	\$ 16.5	03/08/2006		M <sup>(3)</sup>	1,500	12/06/2003	12/06/2012	Class A Common Stock	1,500
Nonstatutory Stock Option (Right to Buy) NSO	\$ 19.94	03/08/2006		M <sup>(3)</sup>	250	12/05/2004	12/05/2013	Class A Common Stock	250
Nonstatutory Stock Option (Right to Buy) NSO	\$ 43.16					11/23/2005	11/23/2014	Class A Common Stock	6,000
Nonstatutory Stock Option (Right to Buy) NSO	\$ 61.29					12/15/2006	12/15/2015	Class A Common Stock	2,500
Restricted Stock Units (RSU) <sup>(2)</sup>	<sup>(2)</sup>					<sup>(1)</sup>	<sup>(1)</sup>	Class A Common Stock	800

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
DALE DONALD A C/O BERRY PETROLEUM COMPANY 5201 TRUXTUN AVE., SUITE 300 BAKERSFIELD, CA 93309			Controller	

## Signatures

Kenneth A. Olson under Power of Attorney on file	03/10/2006
<u>    </u> 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) The restricted stock units vest 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.
  - (2) Each RSU represents a contingent right to receive one share of Berry Petroleum Company Class A Common Stock.
  - (3) Exercise of Stock Options under the Company's 1994 Stock Option Plan in a transaction exempt under Rule 16b.

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