

DALE DONALD A  
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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)  
12/21/2005

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)  
Controller

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)			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 or Price			
Class A Common Stock	12/21/2005		S			1,500	D \$ 59	6,341	D
Class A Common Stock	12/21/2005		S			100	D \$ 59.17	6,241	D
Class A Common Stock	12/22/2005		S			4,400	D \$ 58.5	1,841	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      2,250
Nonstatutory Stock Option (Right to Buy) NSO	\$ 16.5					12/06/2003      12/06/2012	Class A Common Stock      2,250
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      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>	<u>(2)</u>					<u>(1)</u> <u>(1)</u>	Class A Common Stock      800

