

BERRY PETROLEUM CO
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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(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

(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)
12/29/2006

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)

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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
Class A Common Stock				(A) or (D)	152,578	D	
Class A Common Stock				(A) or (D)	97,750	I	As Co-Trustee of Charitable Trust
Class A Common Stock				(A) or (D)	128,040	I	As Co-Trustee of Union Bank Trust Shares

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Class A Common Stock	7,500	I	Busch Family Foundation
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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 Options	\$ 7.8438					12/02/2000 12/02/2010	Class A Common Stock 10,000
Nonstatutory Stock Options	\$ 7.725					12/02/2001 12/02/2011	Class A Common Stock 10,000
Nonstatutory Stock Options	\$ 8.07					12/02/2002 12/02/2012	Class A Common Stock 10,000
Nonstatutory Stock Options	\$ 9.61					12/02/2003 12/02/2013	Class A Common Stock 10,000
Nonstatutory Stock Options	\$ 21.77					12/02/2004 12/02/2014	Class A Common Stock 10,000
Nonstatutory Stock Option	\$ 30.645					12/15/2005 12/15/2015	Class A Common Stock 10,000
Nonstatutory Stock Option	\$ 32.565					12/15/2006 12/14/2016	Class A Common Stock 10,000

Phantom Stock Units	\$ 0 ⁽¹⁾	12/29/2006	A	371	08/08/1988	08/08/1988	Class A Common Stock	371
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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

BUSCH RALPH B III
C/O BERRY PETROLEUM COMPANY 5201 TRUXTUN
BAKERSFIELD, CA 93309

Signatures

Kenneth A Olson under POA for Ralph
Busch

01/03/2007

**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) Phantom Stock Units acquired under the Company's Non-Employee Director Deferred Compensation Plan in a transaction exempt under Rule 16b-3(c). Shares of Common Stock are issued under terms of the Plan upon resignation from the board of directors.

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