

BERRY PETROLEUM CO  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
REHKOPF BRIAN L

(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)  
07/12/2006

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)

Former Vice President

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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount (A) or (D) Price		
Class A Common Stock	07/12/2006		M		20,000 A \$ 7.8438	60,234	D
Class A Common Stock	07/12/2006		S		100 D \$ 32.32	60,134	D
Class A Common Stock	07/12/2006		S		100 D \$ 32.31	60,034	D
Class A Common	07/12/2006		S		500 D \$ 32.3	59,534	D

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Stock								
Class A Common Stock	07/12/2006	S	200	D	\$ 32.29	59,334		D
Class A Common Stock	07/12/2006	S	100	D	\$ 32.28	59,234		D
Class A Common Stock	07/12/2006	S	300	D	\$ 32.27	58,934		D
Class A Common Stock	07/12/2006	S	200	D	\$ 32.26	58,734		D
Class A Common Stock	07/12/2006	S	100	D	\$ 32.22	58,634		D
Class A Common Stock	07/12/2006	S	200	D	\$ 32.21	58,434		D
Class A Common Stock	07/12/2006	S	500	D	\$ 32.2	57,934		D
Class A Common Stock	07/12/2006	S	200	D	\$ 32.15	57,734		D
Class A Common Stock	07/12/2006	S	100	D	\$ 32.12	57,634		D
Class A Common Stock	07/12/2006	S	100	D	\$ 32.11	57,534		D
Class A Common Stock	07/12/2006	S	200	D	\$ 32.05	57,334		D
Class A Common Stock	07/12/2006	S	100	D	\$ 31.81	57,234		D
Class A Common Stock	07/12/2006	S	100	D	\$ 31.79	57,134		D
Class A Common Stock	07/12/2006	S	300	D	\$ 31.78	56,834		D

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Class A Common Stock	07/12/2006		S	100	D	\$ 31.76	56,734	D
Class A Common Stock	07/12/2006		S	100	D	\$ 31.74	56,634	D
Class A Common Stock	07/12/2006		S	100	D	\$ 31.72	56,534	D
Class A Common Stock	07/12/2006		S	300	D	\$ 31.71	56,234	D
Class A Common Stock	07/12/2006		S	300	D	\$ 31.7	55,934	D
Class A Common Stock	07/12/2006		S	300	D	\$ 31.69	55,634	D
Class A Common Stock	07/12/2006		S	700	D	\$ 31.68	54,934	D
Class A Common Stock	07/12/2006		S	500	D	\$ 31.67	54,434	D
Class A Common Stock	07/12/2006		S	800	D	\$ 31.66	53,634	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 Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number

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Nonstatutory Stock Option	\$ 9.97					12/05/2004	08/03/2006	Class A Common Stock	20,0	
Nonstatutory Stock Option	\$ 21.58					11/23/2005	08/03/2006	Class A Common Stock	10,0	
Nonstatutory Stock Option	\$ 7.8438	07/12/2006		M	20,000	12/02/2001	08/04/2006	Class A Common Stock	20,0	

## Reporting Owners

### Reporting Owner Name / Address

### Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

REHKOPF BRIAN L  
C/O BERRY PETROLEUM COMPANY 5201 TRUXTUN  
BAKERSFIELD, CA 93309

Former Vice President

## Signatures

Kenneth A Olson under POA or Brian  
Rehkopf

07/14/2006

        \*\*Signature of Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

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