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FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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(Print or Type Responses)

1(b).

(Last)

(City)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * HAGG JOHN A

(First)

(Street)

(State)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

BERRY PETROLEUM CO [BRY]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

(Middle)

(Zip)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Check all applicable)

C/O BERRY PETROLEUM COMPANY, 5201 TRUXTUN

AVE., SUITE 300

(Month/Day/Year)

12/31/2004

X_ Director 10% Owner Other (specify Officer (give title below)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

BAKERSFIELD, CA 93309

1. Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if (Instr. 3) (Month/Day/Year)

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 5. Amount of Securities Form: Direct Beneficially (D) or Owned Indirect (I) **Following** (Instr. 4)

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)

Reported (A)

Code V Amount (D) Price

Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

Class A

Common Stock

3,000 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)

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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. Transac Code (Instr. 8		Deriv Secur Acqu (A) o Dispo	vative rities ired rosed)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Am Underlying Sect (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code '	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	A or N of Sl
Phantom Stock Units	\$ 0 (1)	12/31/2004		A		241		08/08/1988(2)	08/08/1988(3)	Class A Common Stock	
Non-Statutory Stock Option (NSO) (4)	\$ 10.625							12/02/1995	12/02/2005	Class A Common Stock	3
Non-Statutory Stock Option (NSO) (4)	\$ 13.75							12/02/1996	12/02/2006	Class A Common Stock	(-)
Non-Statutory Stock Option (NSO) (4)	\$ 18.94							05/15/1998	12/02/2007	Class A Common Stock	4
Non-Statutory Stock Option (NSO) (4)	\$ 12.625							12/02/1998	12/02/2008	Class A Common Stock	4
Non-Statutory Stock Option (NSO) (4)	\$ 14.0625							12/02/1999	12/02/2009	Class A Common Stock	4
Non-Statutory Stock Option (NSO) (4)	\$ 15.69							12/02/2000	12/02/2010	Class A Common Stock	4
Non-Statutory Stock Option (NSO) (4)	\$ 15.45							12/02/2001	12/02/2011	Class A Common Stock	4
Non-Statutory Stock Option (NSO) (4)	\$ 16.14							12/02/2002	12/02/2012	Class A Common Stock	4
Non-Statutory Stock Option (NSO) (4)	\$ 19.22							12/02/2003	12/02/2013	Class A Common Stock	4
Non-Statutory Stock Option	\$ 43.54							12/02/2004	12/02/2014	Class A Common	4

(NSO) ⁽⁴⁾ Stock

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

HAGG JOHN A

C/O BERRY PETROLEUM COMPANY
5201 TRUXTUN AVE., SUITE 300

BAKERSFIELD, CA 93309

Signatures

Kenneth A. Olson under POA for John A. Hagg

01/04/2005

**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) 1 for 1
- (2) Phantom Stock Units acquired under the Company's Non-Employee Director Deferred Stock and Compensation Plan in a transaction exempt under Rule 16b-3(c). Shares are exercisable under the terms of the Plan upon resignation from the Board.
- (3) Phantom Stock Units acquired under the Company's Non-Employee Director Deferred Stock and Compensation Plan in a transaction exempt under Rule 16b-3(c). Shares expire under the terms of the Plan upon resignation from the Board.
- (4) NSO Right to buy Berry Petroleum Company Class A Common Stock

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