

BERRY PETROLEUM CO

Form 4

January 04, 2005

FORM 4**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
GOEHRING RALPH J

(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)

12/31/2004

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

Executive VP and CFO

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
__X__ Form filed by One Reporting Person
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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)
Class A Common Stock				(A) or (D)			
			Code	V	Amount	(D)	Price
Class A Common Stock	12/31/2004 ⁽¹⁾		J	V	14	(1)	D
					\$ 0 (1)	4,892	I
					31,390	D	
							Held in 401(k) Plan

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	\$ 14					12/06/1997 12/06/2006	Class A Common Stock 5,000
Nonstatutory Stock Option (Right to Buy) NSO	\$ 12.5					12/04/1999 12/04/2008	Class A Common Stock 30,000
Nonstatutory Stock Option (Right to Buy) NSO	\$ 15.69					12/02/2001 12/02/2010	Class A Common Stock 35,000
Nonstatutory Stock Option (Right to Buy) NSO	\$ 16.3					12/07/2002 12/07/2011	Class A Common Stock 30,000
Nonstatutory Stock Option (Right to Buy) NSO	\$ 16.5					12/06/2003 12/06/2012	Class A Common Stock 15,000
Nonstatutory Stock Option (Right to Buy) NSO	\$ 19.94					12/05/2004 12/05/2013	Class A Common Stock 30,000
Nonstatutory Stock Option (Right to Buy) NSO	\$ 43.16					11/23/2005 11/23/2014	Class A Common Stock 35,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
GOEHRING RALPH J C/O BERRY PETROLEUM COMPANY 5201 TRUXTUN AVE., SUITE 300 BAKERSFIELD, CA 93309			Executive VP and CFO	

Signatures

Kenneth A. Olson under Power of Attorney
on file

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).

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The change in the number of shares in the Berry Petroleum Company Common Stock Fund in the Company's 401(k) Plan is due to the
(1) required liquidation of shares to cover the required cash portion of the fund from November 24, 2004 through December 31, 2004. All transactions were at market and no discretionary transactions have occurred in the holdings of Company Stock in the 401(k) Plan.

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