

BERRY PETROLEUM CO

Form 4

September 28, 2005

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

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1(b).

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

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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)

**09/26/2005**

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)  
Controller

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check  
Applicable Line)  
\_\_X\_\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)		
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price		
Class A Common Stock	09/26/2005		M <sup>(1)</sup>		2,000	A	\$ 12.5	6,798	D
Class A Common Stock	09/26/2005		F <sup>(1)</sup>		961	D	\$ 65.1	5,837	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 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	\$ 12.5	09/26/2005		M <sup>(1)</sup>	2,000	12/04/1999	12/04/2008	Class A Common Stock	2,000
Nonstatutory Stock Option (Right to Buy) NSO	\$ 15.69					12/02/2001	12/02/2010	Class A Common Stock	1,500
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

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

## Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

DALE DONALD A  
C/O BERRY PETROLEUM COMPANY  
5201 TRUXTUN AVE., SUITE 300  
BAKERSFIELD, CA 93309

Controller

## Signatures

Kenneth A. Olson under Power of Attorney  
on file

09/28/2005

\_\_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) Exercise of stock option under the Company's 1994 Stock Option Plan in a transaction exempt under Rule 16B.

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