BERRY PETROLEUM CO

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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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(Last)

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * JAMIESON THOMAS J

(First)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Issuer

BERRY PETROLEUM CO [BRY]

(Month/Day/Year)

(Check all applicable)

C/O BERRY PETROLEUM COMPANY, 5201 TRUXTUN

AVE., SUITE 300

(Street)

05/16/2005

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

_X__ Director Officer (give title

10% Owner Other (specify

(Middle)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Applicable Line)

Filed(Month/Day/Year) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

BAKERSFIELD, CA 93309

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tab	le I - Non-	Derivative	Secu	rities Acc	quired, Disposed	of, or Benefic	ially Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securi on(A) or D (Instr. 3,	ispose 4 and (A) or	d of (D) 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	05/16/2005		Code V	Amount 100	(D)	Price \$ 41.7	10,200	I	Owned by corporation
Class A Common Stock	05/16/2005		P	1,000	A	\$ 41.55	11,200	I	Owned by corporation
Class A Common Stock	05/16/2005		P	2,200	A	\$ 41.38	13,400	I	Owned by corporation
Class A	05/16/2005		P	700	A	\$	14,100	I	Owned by

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Common Stock					41.75			corporation
Class A Common Stock	05/16/2005	P	2,700	A	\$ 41.6	16,800	I	Owned by corporation
Class A Common Stock	05/16/2005	P	100	A	\$ 41.58	16,900	I	Owned by corporation
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)

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)	of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	Date (Month/Day/Year			7. Title and Amou Underlying Secur (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Am or Nur of S	
Deferred Stock Units (2)	\$ 0 (1)					08/08/1988(2)	08/08/1988(3)	Class A Common Stock	12	
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	3,	
Non-Statutory Stock Option (NSO) (4)	\$ 18.94					05/15/1998	12/02/2007	Class A Common Stock	5,	

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Non-Statutory Stock Option (NSO) (4)	\$ 12.625	12/02/1998	12/02/2008	Class A Common Stock	5,
Non-Statutory Stock Option (NSO) (4)	\$ 14.0625	12/02/1999	12/02/2009	Class A Common Stock	5,
Non-Statutory Stock Option (NSO) (4)	\$ 15.69	12/02/2000	12/02/2010	Class A Common Stock	5,
Non-Statutory Stock Option (NSO) (4)	\$ 15.45	12/02/2001	12/02/2011	Class A Common Stock	5,
Non-Statutory Stock Option (NSO) (4)	\$ 16.14	12/02/2002	12/02/2012	Class A Common Stock	5,
Non-Statutory Stock Option (NSO) (4)	\$ 19.22	12/02/2003	12/02/2013	Class A Common Stock	5,
Non-Statutory Stock Option (NSO) (4)	\$ 43.54	12/02/2004	12/02/2014	Class A Common Stock	5,

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
1	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
JAMIESON THOMAS J C/O BERRY PETROLEUM COMPANY 5201 TRUXTUN AVE., SUITE 300 BAKERSFIELD, CA 93309	X						

Signatures

Kenneth A. Olson under POA for Thomas J.

Jamieson

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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- * 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
- Deferred Stock Units which are economically equivalent to shares of Common Stock earned under the Company's Non-Employee (2) Director Deferred Stock and Compensation Plan in transactions exempt under Rule 16b-3(c). Deferred Stock Units will be issued in
- (2) Director Deferred Stock and Compensation Plan in transactions exempt under Rule 16b-3(c). Deferred Stock Units will be issued in shares of Common Stock under the terms of the Plan upon resignation from the Board.
- (3) Deferred Stock Units which are economically equivalent to shares of Common Stock earned under the Company's Non-Employee Director Deferred Stock and Compensation Plan in transactions exempt under Rule 16b-3(c). Deferred Stock Units expire under the terms

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of the Plan upon resignation from the Board.

(4) NSO - Right to buy Berry Petroleum Company Class A Common Stock

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