BERRY PETROLEUM CO

Form 4

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FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

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1(b).

(Last)

(City)

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * YOUNG MARTIN H JR

(First)

(Street)

(State)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

(Middle)

(Zip)

BERRY PETROLEUM CO [BRY]

(Check all applicable)

C/O BERRY PETROLEUM COMPANY, 5201 TRUXTUN

AVE., SUITE 300

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year) 09/30/2005

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

4. If Amendment, Date Original

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line)

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BAKERSFIELD, CA 93309

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 1. Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if

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

5. Amount of 6. Ownership 7. Nature of Securities Beneficially (D) or Owned **Following** (Instr. 4)

Form: Direct Indirect Beneficial Indirect (I) Ownership (Instr. 4)

Reported (A) Transaction(s)

(Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price

Class A

(Instr. 3)

Common 10,000

Stock

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

(Month/Day/Year)

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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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)		6. Date Exercisab Date (Month/Day/Year		7. Title and Am Underlying Sect (Instr. 3 and 4)
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	A or Title N of SI
Phantom Stock Units	\$ 0 (1)	09/30/2005		A	418	08/08/1988(2)	08/08/1988(3)	Class A Common Stock
Non-Statutory Stock Option (NSO) (4)	\$ 14.0625					12/02/1999	12/02/2009	Class A Common S Stock
Non-Statutory Stock Option (NSO) (4)	\$ 15.69					12/02/2000	12/02/2010	Class A Common S Stock
Non-Statutory Stock Option (NSO) (4)	\$ 15.45					12/02/2001	12/02/2011	Class A Common S Stock
Non-Statutory Stock Option (NSO) (4)	\$ 16.14					12/02/2002	12/02/2012	Class A Common S Stock
Non-Statutory Stock Option (NSO) (4)	\$ 19.22					12/02/2003	12/02/2013	Class A Common S Stock
Non-Statutory Stock Option (NSO) (4)	\$ 43.54					12/02/2004	12/02/2014	Class A Common Stock

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
·	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
YOUNG MARTIN H JR C/O BERRY PETROLEUM COMPANY 5201 TRUXTUN AVE., SUITE 300 BAKERSFIELD, CA 93309	X					

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Signatures

Kenneth A. Olson under POA for Martin H. Young, Jr.

10/04/2005

**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
- (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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