BERRY PETROLEUM CO

Form 4

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1(b).

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Bryant Joseph H		Symbol	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol BERRY PETROLEUM CO [BRY]				S. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer			
	(First) (M Y PETROLEUM Y 5201 TRUXTUN	(Month/D 09/30/20	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 09/30/2006				(Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)			
	(Street)		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				
BAKERSFI	ELD, CA 93309					Person	More than One R	eporting		
(City)	(State) (Zip) Table	e I - Non-D	erivative S	ecurities Ac	quired, Disposed	of, or Beneficia	lly Owned		
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	on Date, if Transaction Code		(A) or of (D) 4 and 5) (A) or (D) Price	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						0	D			

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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. Transacti Code (Instr. 8)		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amor Underlying Secur (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Am or Nu of S
Nonstatutory Stock Option	\$ 30.645					12/15/2005	12/14/2015	Class A Common Stock	10
Phantom Stock Units	\$ 0 (3)	09/30/2006		A	443	08/08/1988(4)	08/08/1988(5)	Class A Common Stock	4

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Bryant Joseph H C/O BERRY PETROLEUM COMPANY 5201 TRUXTUN BAKERSFIELD, CA 93309

Signatures

Kenneth A Olson under POA for Joseph Bryant 10/03/2006

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

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- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) NSO Right to buy Berry Petroleum Company Class A Common Stock
- (2) 1 for 1
- (**3**) 1 for 1
- (4) Phantom Stock Units acquired under the Company's Non-Employee Director Deferred Compensation Plan in a transaction exempt under Rule 16b-3(c). Shares of Common Stock are issued under terms of the Plan upon resignation from the board of directors.
- (5) Phantom Stock Units acquired under the Company's Non-Employee Director Deferred Compensation Plan in a transaction exempt under Rule 16b-3(c). Shares of Common Stock are issued under terms of the Plan upon resignation from the board of directors.

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