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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting

Person *

Kelso Bruce S

(Last)

(First)

(Middle)

Statement

(Month/Day/Year)

10/03/2005

2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

BERRY PETROLEUM CO [BRY]

4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

5. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

C/O BERRY PETROLEUM COMPANY, Â 5201 TRUXTUN **AVE., SUITE 300**

(Street)

10% Owner Director _X__ Officer

(Check all applicable)

Other (give title below) (specify below) Vice President of Rocky Mtn 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting

Person

Form filed by More than One

Reporting Person

BAKERSFIELD. CAÂ 93309

(State)

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)

(City)

(Zip)

2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned

(Instr. 4)

3. Ownership Form:

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)

Direct (D) or Indirect (I)

CLASS A COMMON STOCK $221 \frac{(1)}{2}$

(Instr. 5) Ι

SEC 1473 (7-02)

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 Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security

2. Date Exercisable and **Expiration Date**

3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)

4. 5. Conversion Ownership or Exercise Form of Price of Derivative

6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial

Ownership

(Instr. 5)

Derivative Security:

(Instr. 4)

(Month/Day/Year)

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	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Security	Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	
Nonstatutory Stock Option (Right to Buy) NSO	08/23/2004	08/23/2013	Class A Common Stock	5,000	\$ 17.9	D	Â
Nonstatutory Stock Option (Right to Buy) NSO	12/05/2004	12/05/2013	Class A Common Stock	1,500	\$ 19.94	D	Â
Nonstatutory Stock Option (Right to Buy) NSO	11/23/2005	11/23/2014	Class A Common Stock	15,000	\$ 43.16	D	Â

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships				
reporting o maer runner, runner	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other	
Kelso Bruce S C/O BERRY PETROLEUM COMPANY 5201 TRUXTUN AVE., SUITE 300 BAKERSFIELD Â CAÂ 93309	Â	Â	Vice President of Rocky Mtn	Â	

Signatures

Kenneth A. Olson under POA for Bruce S. Kelso 10/12/2005

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(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) Holdings of Berry Petroleum Company Class A Common Stock on date designated as a reporting officer of Berry Petroleum Company. Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed. If space is insufficient, *See* Instruction 6 for procedure. Potential persons who are to respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not required to respond unless the form displays a currently valid OMB number.

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