FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

| OMB APPROVAL | | | | | | | | | | |
|--------------------------|-----------|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| OMB Number: | 3235-0287 | | | | | | | | | |
| Estimated average burden | | | | | | | | | | |
| hours per response: | 0.5 | | | | | | | | | |

Check this box if no longer subject to Section 16. Form 4 or Form 5 obligations may continue. See Instruction 1(b).

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

| | =(4). | | | 1 110 | | | | | | | mpany Act o | | JU-1 | | | | | | | |
|---|---|--|---|------------|-------------------------------------|---|-------------------|--------------------|--|-------|--|----------------------------|---|---|--|--------|--|---|--|--|
| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* REHKOPF BRIAN L | | | | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol BERRY PETROLEUM CO [BRY] | | | | | | | | | Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director | | | | | |
| (Last) (First) (Middle) C/O BERRY PETROLEUM COMPANY 5201 TRUXTUN AVE., SUITE 300 | | | | | | | of Earlie 2005 | est Transa | action (M | onth/ | Day/Year) | | X Officer (give title Other (specify below) below) Vice President of Engineering | | | | | | | |
| (Street) BAKERSFIELD CA 93309 | | | | | 4. If | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | | | | | | | | | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) X Form filed by One Reporting Person | | | | | |
| (City) (State) (Zip) | | | | | , | | | | | | | | Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | | | | | | | |
| | | Tab | le I - No | n-Deriv | /ative | Se | curit | ies Acc | quired | , Dis | posed of | , or Ber | nefici | ally | Owned | | | | | |
| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Transa Date (Month/D | | | | | | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | | Transaction Dispos | | | urities Acquired (A) sed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 | | | Securities Beneficia | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported | | Direct Ir Indirect B str. 4) C | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | | |
| | | | | | | _ | | | Code | v | Amount | (A) or (D) Pri | | Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | | nd 4) | | | | |
| Class A Common Stock | | | | 09/26/2005 | | + | | | M ⁽¹⁾ | | 10,000 | | | .375 | | | | | | |
| Class A Common Stock 09/26/2005 F ⁽¹⁾ 6,189 D \$65.1 22,881 D Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned | | | | | | | | | | | Б | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | onvertib | | | | wiieu | | | | | |
| 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. Transactio Code (Ins 8) | | | | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | | 7. Title and Am of Securities Underlying Derivative Sec (Instr. 3 and 4) | | rity | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction((Instr. 4) | | 10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | | |
| | | | | | Code | v | (A) | (D) | Date Exercis | able | Expiration Date | Title | Amor or Numl of Share | ber | | | | | | |
| Nonstatutory Stock Option (Right to Buy) NSO | \$19.375 | 09/26/2005 | | | M ⁽¹⁾ | | | 10,000 | 12/05/1 | .998 | 12/05/2007 | Class A Common Stock | 10,0 | 000 | \$0 ⁽¹⁾ | 0 | | D | | |
| Nonstatutory Stock Option (Right to Buy) NSO | \$12.5 | | | | | | | | 12/04/1 | 999 | 12/04/2008 | Class A Common Stock | 10,0 | 000 | | 10,000 | 0 | D | | |
| Nonstatutory Stock Option (Right to Buy) NSO | \$15.69 | | | | | | | | 12/02/2 | 001 | 12/02/2010 | Class A Common Stock | 20,0 | 000 | | 20,000 | 0 | D | | |
| Nonstatutory Stock Option (Right to Buy) NSO | \$16.3 | | | | | | | | 12/07/2 | :002 | 12/07/2011 | Class A Common Stock | 20,0 | 000 | | 20,000 | 0 | D | | |
| Nonstatutory Stock Option (Right to Buy) NSO | \$16.5 | | | | | | | | 12/06/2 | :003 | 12/06/2012 | Class A Common Stock | 7,50 | 00 | | 7,500 | | D | | |
| Nonstatutory Stock Option (Right to Buy) NSO | \$19.94 | | | | | | | | 12/05/2 | 004 | 12/05/2013 | Class A Common Stock | 20,0 | 000 | | 20,000 | 0 | D | | |
| Nonstatutory Stock Option (Right to | \$43.16 | | | | | | | | 11/23/2 | .005 | 11/23/2014 | Class A Common Stock | 20,0 | 000 | | 20,000 | 0 | D | | |

Explanation of Responses:

Remarks:

^{1.} Exercise of Stock Options under the Company's 1994 Stock Option Plan in a transaction exempt under Rule 16b.

of Attorney on file

** Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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

- * 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).

Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed. If space is insufficient, see Instruction 6 for procedure.

Persons who respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not required to respond unless the form displays a currently valid OMB Number.