

BERRY PETROLEUM CO  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
**GOEHRING RALPH J**

(Last) (First) (Middle)

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

(Street)

BAKERSFIELD, CA 93309

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
**BERRY PETROLEUM CO [BRY]**

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
**03/30/2006**

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
Executive VP and CFO

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
|                                 |                                      |  |                                | (A) or (D)  | Price   |  |                                   |
|                                 |                                      |  |                                | Code V  | Amount  |  |                                   |
| Class A Common Stock            | 03/30/2006                           |  | M <sup>(4)</sup>               | 15,000  | A \$ 16.3   | 39,506   | D                                 |
| Class A Common Stock            | 03/30/2006                           |  | S                              | 7,847   | D \$ 70.8   | 31,659   | D                                 |
| Class A Common Stock            | 03/31/2006                           |  | J V                            | 10 <u>(1)</u>   | D \$ <u>(1)</u>   | 2,446  | I 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 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) | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4) |                      |                            |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|----------------------|----------------------------|
|  |  |                                      |  | Code                           | V (A) (D)   | Date Exercisable   | Expiration Date   | Title                | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Nonstatutory Stock Option (Right to Buy) NSO | \$ 16.3  | 03/30/2006                           |  | M <sup>(4)</sup>               | 15,000  | 12/07/2002   | 12/07/2011  | Class A Common Stock | 15,000                     |
| Nonstatutory Stock Option (Right to Buy) NSO | \$ 16.5  |                                      |  |                                |   | 12/06/2003   | 12/06/2012  | Class A Common Stock | 15,000                     |
| Nonstatutory Stock Option (Right to Buy) NSO | \$ 19.94   |                                      |  |                                |   | 12/05/2004   | 12/05/2013  | Class A Common Stock | 30,000                     |
| Nonstatutory Stock Option (Right to Buy) NSO | \$ 43.16   |                                      |  |                                |   | 11/23/2005   | 11/23/2014  | Class A Common Stock | 35,000                     |
| Nonstatutory Stock Option (Right to Buy) NSO | \$ 61.29   |                                      |  |                                |   | 12/15/2006   | 12/15/2015  | Class A Common Stock | 20,000                     |
| Restricted Stock Units (RSU) <sup>(2)</sup>  | \$ 0 <sup>(2)</sup>                                    |                                      |  |                                |   | <sup>(3)</sup>   | <sup>(3)</sup>  | Class A Common Stock | 5,000                      |

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director    10% Owner    Officer    Other

GOEHRING RALPH J  
C/O BERRY PETROLEUM COMPANY  
5201 TRUXTUN AVE., SUITE 300  
BAKERSFIELD, CA 93309

Executive VP and CFO

## Signatures

Kenneth A. Olson under Power of Attorney on file for Ralph J.  
Goehring

04/03/2006

\_\_Signature of Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* 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).
- The change in the number of shares in the Berry Petroleum Company Common Stock Fund in the Company's 401(k) Plan is due to the
- (1) required acquisition or liquidation of shares to cover the required cash portion of the fund since the prior report. All transactions were at market and no discretionary transactions have occurred in the holdings of Company Stock in the 401(k) Plan.
  - (2) Each RSU represents a contingent right to receive one share of Berry Petroleum Company Class A Common Stock.
  - (3) The restricted stock units vest in four equal annual installments beginning December 15, 2006. Shares of Class A Common Stock will be delivered to the reporting person at the time of vesting.
  - (4) Exercise of Stock Options under the Company's 1994 Stock Option Plan in a transaction exempt under Rule 16b.

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