

HEINEMANN ROBERT
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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 *
HEINEMANN ROBERT

(Last) (First) (Middle)

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)
12/15/2006

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)

President and CEO

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| | | | Code | V Amount (A) or (D) Price | | | |
| Class A Common Stock | 12/15/2006 | | M ⁽¹⁵⁾ | 5,000 A \$ 32.565 | 7,000 | D | |
| Class A Common Stock | 12/15/2006 | | J | V 14 ⁽¹⁶⁾ D \$ 0 | 3,529 | I | Held in 401(k) Plan |
| Class A Common Stock | 12/15/2006 | | F ⁽²²⁾ | 1,931 D \$ 32.565 | 5,069 | D | |

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 Underlying Instrument (Instr. 3) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|
| | | | | Code V (A) (D) | | Date Exercisable Expiration Date | Title |
| Nonstatutory Stock Options | \$ 8.07 | | | | | 12/02/2002 12/02/2012 | Class Common Stock |
| Nonstatutory Stock Options | \$ 9.61 | | | | | 12/02/2003 12/02/2013 | Class Common Stock |
| Nonstatutory Stock Option | \$ 14.375 | | | | | 06/16/2005 06/16/2014 | Class Common Stock |
| Nonstatutory Stock Option | \$ 21.58 | | | | | 11/23/2005 11/23/2014 | Class Common Stock |
| Nonstatutory Stock Option | \$ 30.645 | | | | | 12/15/2006 12/15/2015 | Class Common Stock |
| Phantom Stock Units <u>(1)</u> | \$ 0 | | | | | 08/08/1988 08/08/1988 | Class Common Stock |
| Restricted Stock Unit <u>(3)</u> | \$ 0 | | | | | 01/31/2010 ⁽⁴⁾ 01/31/2010 ⁽⁵⁾ | Class Common Stock |
| Nonstatutory Stock Option | \$ 32.565 | 12/15/2006 ⁽⁶⁾ | | A ⁽⁷⁾ | 175,000 | 12/15/2007 12/14/2016 | Class Common Stock |
| Restricted Stock Units <u>(9)</u> | \$ 0 ⁽¹⁰⁾ | 12/15/2006 | | A ⁽¹¹⁾ | 20,000 | ⁽¹³⁾ ⁽¹⁴⁾ | Class Common Stock |
| Restricted Stock Units <u>(17)</u> | \$ 0 ⁽¹⁸⁾ | 12/15/2006 | | M ⁽¹⁹⁾ | 5,000 | ⁽²⁰⁾ ⁽²¹⁾ | Class Common Stock |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|----------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| HEINEMANN ROBERT 5201 TRUXTUN AVE., SUITE 300 BAKERSFIELD, CA 93309 | | | President and CEO | |

Signatures

Kenneth A Olson under POA for Robert
Heinemann

12/19/2006

 **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).
- (1) 1 for 1
 - (2) 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.
 - (3) Each RSU represents a contingent right to receive one share of Berry Petroleum Company Class A Common Stock
 - (4) The restricted stock units vest in one installment on January 31, 2010 provided the reporting person continues to serve as the CEO of the Company on such date, or earlier on certain conditions.
 - (5) The restricted stock units vest in one installment on January 31, 2010 provided the reporting person continues to serve as the CEO of the Company on such date, or earlier on certain conditions.
 - (6) Grant of Nonstatutory Stock Option (NSO) under the Company's 2005 Equity Incentive Plan in a transaction exempt under Rule 16b-3(c). Shares vest 25% per year from date of grant.
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 - (8) Grant of Nonstatutory Stock Option (NSO) under the Company's 2005 Equity Incentive Plan in a transaction exempt under Rule 16b-3(c). Shares vest 25% per year from date of grant.
 - (9) 1 for 1
 - (10) Each RSU represents a contingent right to receive one share of Berry Petroleum Company Class A Common Stock
 - (11) Grant of Restricted Stock Unit (RSU) under the Company's 2005 Equity Incentive Plan in a transaction exempt under Rule 16b-3(c). RSUs vest 25% per year from date of grant.
 - (12) The restricted stock units vests in four equal annual installments beginning December 15, 2007. Shares of Class A Common Stock will be delivered to the reporting person at the time of vesting.
 - (13) The restricted stock units vests in four equal annual installments beginning December 15, 2007. Shares of Class A Common Stock will be delivered to the reporting person at the time of vesting.
 - (14) The restricted stock units vests in four equal annual installments beginning December 15, 2007. Shares of Class A Common Stock will be delivered to the reporting person at the time of vesting.
 - (15) Vested shares issued pursuant to Rule 16b-3 plan.
 - (16) Changes in the number of shares of Common Stock held in the individuals 401(k) account due to required maintenance of cash position. All transactions were at market and non-discretionary.
 - (17) 1 for 1
 - (18) Each RSU represents a contingent right to receive one share of Berry Petroleum Company Class A Common Stock

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- (19) Vesting of 25% of RSUs granted 12-15-2006
- (20) The restricted stock units vests 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.
- (21) The restricted stock units vests 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.
- (22) Shares withheld incident to vesting of RSUs for the payment of tax liability issued in accordance with Rule 16b-3.

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