

BERRY PETROLEUM CO

Form 4

March 22, 2005

FORM 4**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
DALE DONALD A

(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)

03/18/2005

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
__X__ Officer (give title _____ Other (specify
below) below)
Controller

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
__X__ Form filed by One Reporting Person
____ Form filed by More than One Reporting
Person

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(A) or Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired 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)
Class A Common Stock	03/18/2005		S	1,300	D \$ 57.75	8,037	D
Class A Common Stock	03/18/2005		S	1,200	D \$ 57.814	6,837	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 and Amount of Underlying Securities (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	\$ 12.5					12/04/1999	12/04/2008	Class A Common Stock	7,500
Nonstatutory Stock Option (Right to Buy) NSO	\$ 15.69					12/02/2001	12/02/2010	Class A Common Stock	1,500
Nonstatutory Stock Option (Right to Buy) NSO	\$ 16.3					12/07/2002	12/07/2011	Class A Common Stock	2,250
Nonstatutory Stock Option (Right to Buy) NSO	\$ 16.5					12/06/2003	12/06/2012	Class A Common Stock	2,250
Nonstatutory Stock Option (Right to Buy) NSO	\$ 19.94					12/05/2004	12/05/2013	Class A Common Stock	5,000
Nonstatutory Stock Option (Right to Buy) NSO	\$ 43.16					11/23/2005	11/23/2014	Class A Common Stock	6,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

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Director 10% Owner Officer Other

DALE DONALD A
C/O BERRY PETROLEUM COMPANY
5201 TRUXTUN AVE., SUITE 300
BAKERSFIELD, CA 93309

Controller

Signatures

Kenneth A. Olson under Power of Attorney
on file

03/22/2005

__Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

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