

BERRY PETROLEUM CO
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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**

(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)
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 Indirect Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V Amount (A) or (D) Price			
Class A Common Stock	12/15/2006		M ⁽⁹⁾	2,500 A \$ 32.565	65,618	D	
Class A Common Stock	12/15/2006		J	V 20 ⁽¹⁰⁾ D \$ 0	4,980	I	Held in 401(k) Plan
Class A Common Stock	12/15/2006		F ⁽¹⁶⁾	1,144 D \$ 32.565	64,474	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 Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4)			
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title
Nonstatutory Stock Option	\$ 8.15							12/07/2002	12/07/2011	Class A Common Stock
Nonstatutory Stock Option	\$ 8.25							12/06/2003	12/06/2012	Class A Common Stock
Nonstatutory Stock Option	\$ 9.97							12/05/2004	12/05/2013	Class A Common Stock
Nonstatutory Stock Option	\$ 21.58							11/23/2005	11/23/2014	Class A Common Stock
Nonstatutory Stock Option	\$ 30.645							12/15/2006	12/15/2015	Class A Common Stock
Nonstatutory Stock Option	\$ 32.565	12/15/2006		A ⁽¹⁾		40,000		12/15/2007	12/14/2016	Class A Common Stock
Restricted Stock Units ⁽³⁾	\$ 0 ⁽⁴⁾	12/15/2006		A ⁽⁵⁾		10,000		⁽⁷⁾	⁽⁸⁾	Class A Common Stock
Restricted Stock Units ⁽¹¹⁾	\$ 0 ⁽¹²⁾	12/15/2006		M ⁽¹³⁾		2,500		⁽¹⁴⁾	⁽¹⁵⁾	Class A Common Stock

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

GOEHRING RALPH J
C/O BERRY PETROLEUM COMPANY 5201 TRUXTUN
BAKERSFIELD, CA 93309

Executive VP and CFO

Signatures

Kenneth A Olson under POA for Ralph
Goehring

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) 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.
- (2) 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.
- (3) 1 for 1
- (4) Each RSU represents a contingent right to receive one share of Berry Petroleum Company Class A Common Stock
- (5) 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.
- (6) 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.
- (7) 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.
- (8) 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.
- (9) Vested shares issued pursuant to Rule 16b-3 plan.
- (10) 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.
- (11) 1 for 1
- (12) Each RSU represents a contingent right to receive one share of Berry Petroleum Company Class A Common Stock
- (13) Vesting of 25% of RSUs granted 12-15-2006
- (14) 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.
- (15) 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.
- (16) Shares withheld incident to vesting of RSUs for the payment of tax liability issued in accordance with Rule 16b-3.

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