

Canaday Shawn Michael
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FORM 4

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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 *
 Canaday Shawn Michael

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O BERRY PETROLEUM COMPANY, 5201 TRUXTUN AVENUE, 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)
 12/31/2004

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)
 Treasurer

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) | Amount | | | | | |
| | | | | Code | V | | Price | | | |
| Class A Common Stock | | | | | 0 | D | | | | |
| Class A Common Stock | 12/31/2004 | | A | V | 7 <u>(1)</u> | A | \$ <u>0</u> <u>(1)</u> | 66 | I | Held in the 401(k) Plan |

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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) | 8. Price or Value of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|---|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|---|
| Non Statutory Stock Option (NSO) Right to Buy | \$ 19.94 | | | V | (A) | 12/05/2004 - 12/05/2013 | Class A Common Stock | 2,500 |
| Non Statutory Stock Option (NSO) Right to Buy | \$ 43.16 | | | V | (A) | 11/23/2005 - 11/23/2014 | Class A Common Stock | 5,000 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|-----------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Canaday Shawn Michael C/O BERRY PETROLEUM COMPANY 5201 TRUXTUN AVENUE, SUITE 300 BAKERSFIELD, CA 93309 | | | Treasurer | |

Signatures

Shawn M. Canaday 01/04/2005

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

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

** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. *See* 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

From December 2, 2004 through December 31, 2004, Mr. Canaday acquired 7 shares of Berry Petroleum Company Common Stock Fund (1) in the Company's 401(k) Plan is . All transactions were at market and no discretionary transactions have occurred in the holdings of Company Stock in the 401(k) Plan.

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