

BERRY PETROLEUM CO

Form 4

July 05, 2006

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

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See Instruction  
1(b).

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

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
**GAUL J HERBERT JR**

(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)

**06/30/2006**

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)

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 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)
Class A Common Stock				(A) or (D)	4,000	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)**

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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 Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	Amount or Number of S
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	
Nonstatutory Stock Options	\$ 7.0312					12/02/1999	12/02/2009	Class A Common Stock 10
Nonstatutory Stock Options	\$ 7.8438					12/02/2000	12/02/2010	Class A Common Stock 10
Nonstatutory Stock Options	\$ 7.725					12/02/2001	12/02/2011	Class A Common Stock 10
Nonstatutory Stock Options	\$ 8.07					12/02/2002	12/02/2012	Class A Common Stock 10
Nonstatutory Stock Options	\$ 9.61					12/02/2003	12/02/2013	Class A Common Stock 10
Nonstatutory Stock Options	\$ 21.77					12/02/2004	12/02/2014	Class A Common Stock 10
Nonstatutory Stock Option	\$ 30.645					12/15/2005	12/15/2015	Class A Common Stock 10
Phantom Stock Units <u>(1)</u>	\$ 0 <sup>(2)</sup>	06/30/2006		A	420	08/08/1988 <sup>(3)</sup>	08/08/1988 <sup>(4)</sup>	Class A Common Stock 4

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
	Director 10% Owner Officer Other
GAUL J HERBERT JR C/O BERRY PETROLEUM COMPANY 5201 TRUXTUN BAKERSFIELD, CA 93309	

## Signatures

Kenneth A Olson under POA for J.  
Gaul

07/05/2006

\_\_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) 1 for 1

(3) 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.

(4) 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.

### Remarks:

All prices and quantities have been adjusted for the Company's 2-for-1 stock split on May 17, 2006.

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