

BERRY PETROLEUM CO
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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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 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 * ^ Kelso Bruce S (Last) (First) (Middle) C/O BERRY PETROLEUM COMPANY, ^ 5201 TRUXTUN AVE., SUITE 300 (Street) BAKERSFIELD, ^ CA ^ 93309 (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) 10/03/2005	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol BERRY PETROLEUM CO [BRY]	4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other (give title below) (specify below) Vice President of Rocky Mtn	5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person
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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
CLASS A COMMON STOCK	221 ⁽¹⁾	I	Held in 401(k) Plan

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative	5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security:	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
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	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Security	Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	
Nonstatutory Stock Option (Right to Buy) NSO	08/23/2004	08/23/2013	Class A Common Stock	5,000	\$ 17.9	D	Â
Nonstatutory Stock Option (Right to Buy) NSO	12/05/2004	12/05/2013	Class A Common Stock	1,500	\$ 19.94	D	Â
Nonstatutory Stock Option (Right to Buy) NSO	11/23/2005	11/23/2014	Class A Common Stock	15,000	\$ 43.16	D	Â

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Kelso Bruce S C/O BERRY PETROLEUM COMPANY 5201 TRUXTUN AVE., SUITE 300 BAKERSFIELD, CA 93309	Â	Â	Â Vice President of Rocky Mtn	Â

Signatures

Kenneth A. Olson under POA for Bruce S. Kelso 10/12/2005

__Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(b)(v).

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(1) Holdings of Berry Petroleum Company Class A Common Stock on date designated as a reporting officer of Berry Petroleum Company.

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