

BERRY PETROLEUM CO  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
CRAWFORD GEORGE T

(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)  
VP of CA Production

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |       |   |                     |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|--|-------|---|---------------------|
|                                 |                                      |  |                                | (A) or (D)  | Price   |  |  |       |   |                     |
| Class A Common Stock            | 12/15/2006                           |  | J                              | V   | 16 <sup>(8)</sup>   | A  | \$ 0                                       | 2,093 | I | Held in 401(k) Plan |
| Class A Common Stock            | 12/15/2006                           |  | M <sup>(9)</sup>               |   | 1,250   | A  | \$ 32.565                                  | 5,750 | D |                     |
| Class A Common Stock            | 12/15/2006                           |  | F <sup>(15)</sup>              |   | 447   | D  | \$ 32.565                                  | 5,303 | 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                  | \$ 6.25  |                                      |  |                                |   | 12/04/1999 12/04/2008                                    | Class A Common Stock                              |
| Nonstatutory Stock Option                  | \$ 7.8438  |                                      |  |                                |   | 12/02/2001 12/01/2010                                    | Class A Common Stock                              |
| 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                              |
| Restricted Stock Units <sup>(1)</sup>      | \$ 0 <sup>(2)</sup>                                    | 12/15/2006                           |  | A                              | 6,000   | <sup>(4)</sup> <sup>(5)</sup>                            | Class A Common Stock                              |
| Nonstatutory Stock Option                  | \$ 32.565  | 12/15/2006                           |  | A <sup>(6)</sup>               | 20,000  | 12/15/2007 12/14/2016                                    | Class A Common Stock                              |
| Restricted Stock Units                     | \$ 0 <sup>(11)</sup>                                   | 12/15/2006                           |  | M <sup>(12)</sup>              | 1,250   | <sup>(13)</sup> <sup>(14)</sup>                          | Class A Common                                    |

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Stock

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address   | Relationships |           |                     |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------------------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer             | Other |
| CRAWFORD GEORGE T<br>C/O BERRY PETROLEUM COMPANY 5201 TRUXTUN<br>BAKERSFIELD, CA 93309 |               |           | VP of CA Production |       |

## Signatures

Kenneth A Olson under POA for George  
Crawford 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) 1 for 1
- (2) Each RSU represents a contingent right to receive one share of Berry Petroleum Company Class A Common Stock
- (3) 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.
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- (5) 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.
- (6) 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.
- (7) 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.
- (8) Shares of Common Stock acquired by the reporting person in the Company's 401(k) Plan. All transactions were at market and were non-discretionary.
- (9) Vested shares issued pursuant to Rule 16b-3 plan.
- (10) 1 for 1
- (11) Each RSU represents a contingent right to receive one share of Berry Petroleum Company Class A Common Stock
- (12) Vesting of 25% of RSUs granted 12-15-2006
- (13) 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.
- (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) Shares withheld incident to vesting of RSUs for the payment of tax liability issued in accordance with Rule 16b-3.

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