BERRY PETROLEUM CO

Form 4

January 04, 2005

FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

Washington, D.C. 20549

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(Print or Type Responses)

1(b).

(Last)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person **
REHKOPF BRIAN L

(First)

(Street)

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading Symbol

BERRY PETROLEUM CO [BRY]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

(Check all applicable)

Vice President of Engineering

below)

Issuer

below)

(Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year)

12/31/2004

_____ Director _____ 10% Owner _____ X__ Officer (give title _____ Other (specify

C/O BERRY PETROLEUM COMPANY, 5201 TRUXTUN AVE., SUITE 300

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person ____ Form filed by More than One Reporting

Persor

BAKERSFIELD, CA 93309

(City)	(State) (Z	Zip) Table	e I - Non	-De	erivative S	Securi	ties Acc	quired, Disposed	of, or Beneficia	lly Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (A)))	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)		
Class A Common Stock			Code	V	Amount	or (D)	Price	(Instr. 3 and 4) 26,987	D	
Class A Common Stock	12/31/2004(1)		J	V	5	D	\$ 0 (1)	1,978	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 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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. onNumber of Derivativ 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)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Nonstatutory Stock Option (Right to Buy) NSO	\$ 15.5					06/02/1998	06/02/2007	Class A Common Stock	30,000
Nonstatutory Stock Option (Right to Buy) NSO	\$ 19.375					12/05/1998	12/05/2007	Class A Common Stock	10,000
Nonstatutory Stock Option (Right to Buy) NSO	\$ 12.5					12/04/1999	12/04/2008	Class A Common Stock	10,000
Nonstatutory Stock Option (Right to Buy) NSO	\$ 15.69					12/02/2001	12/02/2010	Class A Common Stock	20,000
Nonstatutory Stock Option (Right to Buy) NSO	\$ 16.3					12/07/2002	12/07/2011	Class A Common Stock	20,000
Nonstatutory Stock Option (Right to Buy) NSO	\$ 16.5					12/06/2003	12/06/2012	Class A Common Stock	15,000
Nonstatutory Stock Option (Right to Buy) NSO	\$ 19.94					12/05/2004	12/05/2013	Class A Common Stock	20,000
	\$ 43.16					11/23/2005	11/23/2014		20,000

Nonstatutory Stock Option (Right to Buy) NSO Class A Common Stock

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

REHKOPF BRIAN L C/O BERRY PETROLEUM COMPANY 5201 TRUXTUN AVE., SUITE 300 BAKERSFIELD, CA 93309

Vice President of Engineering

Signatures

Kenneth A. Olson under Power of Attorney on file

01/04/2005

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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

The change in the number of shares in the Berry Petroleum Company Common Stock Fund in the Company's 401(k) Plan is due to the required liquidation of shares to cover the required cash portion of the fund from November 23, 2004 through December 31, 2004. All transactions were at market and no discretionary transactions have occurred in the holdings of Company Stock in the 401(k) Plan during the period covered.

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