

BERRY PETROLEUM CO
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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 *
BUSCH RALPH B III

(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)
09/28/2007

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
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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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|--|
| Class A Common Stock | | | | (A) or (D) | 144,078 | D | |
| Class A Common Stock | | | | (A) or (D) | 90,000 | I | As Co-Trustee of Charitable Trust |
| Class A Common Stock | | | | (A) or (D) | 127,265 | I | As Co-Trustee of Union Bank Trust Shares |

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| Class A Common Stock | 7,500 | I | Busch Family Foundation |
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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 Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | | |
|---|--|---|---|--------------------------------------|--|--|---|----------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| | | | | Code | V | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Nonstatutory Stock Options | \$ 7.8438 | | | | | 12/02/2000 | 12/02/2010 | Class A Common Stock | 10,000 |
| Nonstatutory Stock Options | \$ 7.725 | | | | | 12/02/2001 | 12/02/2011 | Class A Common Stock | 10,000 |
| Nonstatutory Stock Options | \$ 8.07 | | | | | 12/02/2002 | 12/02/2012 | Class A Common Stock | 10,000 |
| Nonstatutory Stock Options | \$ 9.61 | | | | | 12/02/2003 | 12/02/2013 | Class A Common Stock | 10,000 |
| Nonstatutory Stock Options | \$ 21.77 | | | | | 12/02/2004 | 12/02/2014 | Class A Common Stock | 10,000 |
| Nonstatutory Stock Option | \$ 30.645 | | | | | 12/15/2005 | 12/15/2015 | Class A Common Stock | 10,000 |
| Nonstatutory Stock Option | \$ 32.565 | | | | | 12/15/2006 | 12/14/2016 | Class A Common Stock | 10,000 |

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|------------------------|---------------------|------------|---|-----|------------|------------|----------------------------|-----|
| Phantom Stock Units | \$ 0 ⁽¹⁾ | 09/28/2007 | A | 325 | 08/08/1988 | 08/08/1988 | Class A Common Stock | 325 |
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Reporting Owners

| | | | | |
|---------------------------------------|----------------------|-----------|---------|-------|
| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |

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Signatures

Kenneth A Olson under POA for Ralph
 Busch 10/01/2007

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) 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.

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