

BERRY PETROLEUM CO
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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, 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 *
MAGRUDER LOGAN

(Last) (First) (Middle)

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

(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)
03/30/2006

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)
Executive Vice President

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
				Code	V	Amount	
Class A Common Stock	03/30/2006		M ⁽³⁾	A	\$ 5,000	5,500	D
Class A Common Stock	03/30/2006		S	D	\$ 70.4	4,700	D
Class A Common Stock	03/30/2006		S	D	\$ 70.41	4,400	D
Class A Common Stock	03/30/2006		S	D	\$	3,900	D

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Common Stock						70.42		
Class A Common Stock	03/30/2006	S	500	D	\$ 70.43	3,400		D
Class A Common Stock	03/30/2006	S	200	D	\$ 70.45	3,200		D
Class A Common Stock	03/30/2006	S	700	D	\$ 70.46	2,500		D
Class A Common Stock	03/30/2006	S	400	D	\$ 70.47	2,100		D
Class A Common Stock	03/30/2006	S	200	D	\$ 70.48	1,900		D
Class A Common Stock	03/30/2006	S	500	D	\$ 70.49	1,400		D
Class A Common Stock	03/30/2006	S	100	D	\$ 70.5	1,300		D
Class A Common Stock	03/30/2006	S	100	D	\$ 70.51	1,200		D
Class A Common Stock	03/30/2006	S	100	D	\$ 70.58	1,100		D
Class A Common Stock	03/30/2006	S	100	D	\$ 70.67	1,000		D
Class A Common Stock	03/30/2006	S	500	D	\$ 71.09	500		D
Class A Common Stock	03/31/2006	<u>M⁽³⁾</u>	5,050	A	\$ 43.16	5,550		D
Class A Common Stock	03/31/2006	S	498	D	\$ 68.66	5,052		D
Class A Common Stock	03/31/2006	S	4,552	D	\$ 68.64	500		D

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Class A
Common Stock 03/31/2006 J⁽⁴⁾ V 27 A \$ 0 ⁽⁴⁾ 913 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. 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 (A) (D)	Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title Amount or Number of Shares
Nonstatutory Stock Option (Right to Buy) NSO	\$ 15.48					08/29/2004 08/29/2013	Class A Common Stock 20,000
Nonstatutory Stock Option (Right to Buy) NSO	\$ 19.94	03/30/2006		M ⁽³⁾	5,000	12/05/2004 12/05/2013	Class A Common Stock 5,000
Nonstatutory Stock Option (Right to Buy) NSO	\$ 43.16	03/31/2006		M ⁽³⁾	5,050	11/23/2005 11/23/2014	Class A Common Stock 5,050
Nonstatutory Stock Option (Right to Buy) NSO	\$ 61.29					12/15/2006 12/15/2015	Class A Common Stock 25,000
Restricted Stock Units (RSU) ⁽¹⁾	\$ 0 ⁽¹⁾					⁽²⁾ ⁽²⁾	Class A Common Stock 5,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
MAGRUDER LOGAN C/O BERRY PETROLEUM COMPANY 5201 TRUXTUN AVE., SUITE 300 BAKERSFIELD, CA 93309			Executive Vice President	

Signatures

Kenneth A. Olson under Power of Attorney on file for Logan
Magruder

04/03/2006

__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) Each RSU represents a contingent right to receive one share of Berry Petroleum Company Class A Common Stock.
- (2) The restricted stock units vest 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.
- (3) Exercise of Stock Options under the Company's 1994 Stock Option Plan in a transaction exempt under Rule 16b.
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
- (4) required acquisition or liquidation of shares to cover the required cash portion of the fund since the prior report. All transactions were at market and no discretionary transactions have occurred in the holdings of Company Stock in the 401(k) Plan.

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