

GAUL J HERBERT JR  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
GAUL J HERBERT JR

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O BERRY PETROLEUM COMPANY, 1999 BROADWAY, SUITE 3700

(Street)

DENVER, CO 80202

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
BERRY PETROLEUM CO [BRY]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
05/04/2010

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)  
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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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Class A Common Stock	05/04/2010		M		10,000	A	\$ 21.77
					54,460		
Class A Common Stock	05/04/2010		S		500	D	\$ 32.03
					53,960		
Class A Common Stock	05/04/2010		S		1,500	D	\$ 32.0087
					52,460		
Class A Common Stock	05/04/2010		S		100	D	\$ 32.07
					52,360		

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Common Stock							
Class A Common Stock	05/04/2010	S	300	D	\$ 32.09	52,060	D
Class A Common Stock	05/04/2010	S	100	D	\$ 32.1	51,960	D
Class A Common Stock	05/04/2010	S	300	D	\$ 32.1117	51,660	D
Class A Common Stock	05/04/2010	S	400	D	\$ 32.1575	51,260	D
Class A Common Stock	05/04/2010	S	1,200	D	\$ 32.2333	50,060	D
Class A Common Stock	05/04/2010	S	200	D	\$ 32.25	49,860	D
Class A Common Stock	05/04/2010	S	2,070	D	\$ 32.381	47,790	D
Class A Common Stock	05/04/2010	S	400	D	\$ 32.55	47,390	D
Class A Common Stock	05/04/2010	S	1,400	D	\$ 32.5571	45,990	D
Class A Common Stock	05/04/2010	S	160	D	\$ 32.56	45,830	D
Class A Common Stock	05/04/2010	S	200	D	\$ 32.57	45,630	D
Class A Common Stock	05/04/2010	S	530	D	\$ 32.576	45,100	D
Class A Common Stock	05/04/2010	S	500	D	\$ 32.6	44,600	D
Class A Common Stock	05/04/2010	S	300	D	\$ 32.67	44,300	D

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Class A Common Stock	05/04/2010	S	200	D	\$ 32.6925	44,100	D
Class A Common Stock	05/04/2010	S	900	D	\$ 32.8	43,200	D
Class A Common Stock	05/04/2010	S	3,200	D	\$ 32.8188	40,000	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	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)		
						Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	
						Code	V	(A)	(D)
Nonstatutory Stock Option 12-15-05	\$ 30.645					12/15/2005	12/15/2015	Class A Common Stock	
Phantom Stock Units <u>(1)</u>	\$ 0 <u>(2)</u>					08/08/1988 <sup>(3)</sup>	08/08/1988 <sup>(4)</sup>	Class A Common Stock	
Nonstatutory Stock Option 12-15-06	\$ 32.565					12/15/2006	12/14/2016	Class A Common Stock	
2007 Restricted Stock Unit <u>(5)</u>	\$ 0					01/01/2008 <sup>(6)</sup>	12/13/2017 <sup>(7)</sup>	Class A Common Stock	
NSO 2007	\$ 43.61					12/14/2007	12/13/2017	Class A Common Stock	
Nonstatutory Stock	\$ 21.77	05/04/2010		M	10,000	12/02/2004	12/02/2014	Class A Common	

Options  
12-2-04

Stock

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
GAUL J HERBERT JR C/O BERRY PETROLEUM COMPANY 1999 BROADWAY, SUITE 3700 DENVER, CO 80202				

## Signatures

Kenneth A Olson under POA for J. Gaul	05/04/2010
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\_\_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) 1 for 1
- (3) 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.
- (4) 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.
- (5) 1 for 1
- (6) The RSU granted is 100% vested at the date of grant but the receipt of shares are subject to a deferral period which is generally at least four years from the grant date as per the deferral election.
- (7) The RSU is subject to a deferral election. Shares of Class A Common Stock will be delivered to the reporting person as per the terms of the deferral election.

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