

NUEVO ENERGY CO  
Form 8-K  
March 04, 2004

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

**FORM 8-K**

**CURRENT REPORT**

**PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF  
THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

**Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported) March 4, 2004**

**Nuevo Energy Company**

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

**Delaware**

(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation or organization)

**76-0304436**

(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

**1021 Main, Suite 2100, Houston, Texas**

(Address of principal executive offices)

**77002**

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(713) 652-0706**

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**ITEM 7. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS**

(c) Exhibits

99.1 Press release issued March 4, 2004.

**ITEM 12. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS AND FINANCIAL CONDITION**

The following information is being furnished pursuant to Item 12 Disclosure of Results of Operations and Financial Condition, not filed, for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. This information shall not be deemed filed for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the Exchange Act ), or incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Exchange Act, except as shall be expressly set forth by specific reference in such filing.

On March 4, 2004, Nuevo Energy Company issued a press release announcing fourth quarter 2003 earnings. A copy of the press release is furnished with this report as Exhibit 99.1

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**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 13 or 15(d) the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

**NUEVO ENERGY  
COMPANY**  
(Registrant)

Date: March 4, 2004

By: /s/ James L. Payne  
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James L. Payne  
*Chairman, President and  
Chief Executive Officer*

Date: March 4, 2004

By: /s/ Michael S. Wilkes  
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Michael S. Wilkes  
*Chief Financial Officer,  
Vice President and Controller*

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99.1 Press release dated March 4, 2004, announcing the fourth quarter 2003 earnings.