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October 19, 2001

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

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FORM 8-K  
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CURRENT REPORT

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

DATE OF REPORT  
OCTOBER 19, 2001

NUEVO ENERGY COMPANY  
(EXACT NAME OF REGISTRANT AS SPECIFIED IN ITS CHARTER)

DELAWARE  
(State or other jurisdiction of  
Incorporation or Organization)

0-10537  
(Commission File Number)

76-0304436  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification Number)

1021 MAIN, SUITE 2100  
HOUSTON, TEXAS 77002  
(Address of principal executive offices)

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

ITEM 1. CHANGES IN CONTROL OF REGISTRANT

Not applicable

ITEM 2. ACQUISITION OR DISPOSITION OF ASSETS

Not applicable

ITEM 3. BANKRUPTCY OR RECEIVERSHIP

Not applicable

ITEM 4. CHANGES IN REGISTRANT'S CERTIFYING ACCOUNTANT

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Not applicable

ITEM 5. OTHER EVENTS AND REGULATION FD DISCLOSURE

Nuevo Energy Company announced that it appointed James L. Payne as Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer of the Company in the press release attached as Exhibit 99.1 (see Item 7).

ITEM 6. RESIGNATION OF REGISTRANT'S DIRECTORS

Not applicable

ITEM 7. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS

- (a) Not applicable
- (b) Not applicable
- (c) Exhibits

EX-99.1 Press Release dated October 17, 2001

ITEM 8. CHANGE IN FISCAL YEAR

Not applicable

ITEM 9. REGULATION FD DISCLOSURE

Not applicable

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

October 19, 2001

NUEVO ENERGY COMPANY

By: /s/ Robert M. King

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Robert M. King  
Senior Vice President &  
Chief Financial Officer

INDEX TO EXHIBITS

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