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NUEVO ENERGY CO Form 8-K October 19, 2001

> SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

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FORM 8-K

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 (Commission File Number) Incorporation or Organization)

0-10537

76-0304436 (I.R.S. Employer Identification Num

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

(713) 652-0706 (Registrant's telephone number, including are 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.

NUEVO ENERGY COMPANY

October 19, 2001

By: /s/ Robert M. King

Robert M. King Senior Vice President & Chief Financial Officer

INDEX TO EXHIBITS

EXHIBIT						
NUMBER			DESCRIPTION			
EX-99.1	Press	Release	dated	October	17,	2001