NUEVO ENERGY CO Form S-8 November 01, 2002

AS FILED WITH THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION ON NOVEMBER 1, 2002.

REGISTRATION NO. 333-

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

FORM S-8
REGISTRATION STATEMENT UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933

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 NUMBER)

1021 MAIN STREET, SUITE 2100, HOUSTON, TEXAS 77002 (ADDRESS OF PRINCIPAL EXECUTIVE OFFICES)

NUEVO ENERGY COMPANY 2001 STOCK INCENTIVE PLAN (FULL TITLE OF PLAN)

BRUCE K. MURCHISON
1021 MAIN, SUITE 2100
HOUSTON, TEXAS 77002
(NAME AND ADDRESS OF AGENT FOR SERVICE)

(713) 652-0706 (TELEPHONE NUMBER, INCLUDING AREA CODE, OF AGENT FOR SERVICE)

COPY TO:
HAYNES AND BOONE, LLP
1000 LOUISIANA, SUITE 4300
HOUSTON, TEXAS 77002
ATTN: GEORGE G. YOUNG III
(713) 547-2081

CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE

PROPOSED MAXIMUM PROPOSED MAXIMUM
TITLE OF SECURITIES TO BE REGISTERED AMOUNT TO BE REGISTERED SHARE OFFERING PRICE

Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per 250,000 \$13.945 \$3,486,250 share (1) (2) (3)

<sup>(1)</sup> Including preferred stock purchase rights issued under our Shareholders Rights Plan, dated March 5, 1997.

- (2) In addition pursuant to Rule 416(c) under the Securities Act of 1933, this Registration Statement also covers an indeterminate amount of interests to be offered or sold pursuant to the employee benefit plans described herein.
- (3) Computed pursuant to Rule 457 (c) and 457 (h) of the Securities Act, based on the average of the high and low sale prices, as reported on the New York Stock Exchange on October 31, 2002 (\$13.945).

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#### INCORPORATION OF CERTAIN DOCUMENTS BY REFERENCE

This registration statement is being filed for the purpose of registering in accordance with Instruction E of Form S-8 an additional 250,000 shares of our common stock, to be issued pursuant to our 2001 Stock Incentive Plan. The contents of our registration statement on Form S-8 (Registration No. 333-70780) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on October 2, 2001, are incorporated herein by reference.

#### NUEVO ENERGY COMPANY AMENDMENTS TO 2001 STOCK INCENTIVE PLAN

By means of the 2001 Form S-8, we registered 200,000 shares of common stock issuable under the 2001 plan. On October 29, 2002, our board of directors amended the 2001 plan to increase the number of shares of common stock issuable under the 2001 plan by 250,000 shares. This registration statement registers the additional 250,000 shares of common stock issuable under the 2001 plan.

#### PART II

## INFORMATION REQUIRED IN THE REGISTRATION STATEMENT

After reasonable efforts, Nuevo Energy Company (the "Company") has not been able to obtain the written consent of Arthur Andersen LLP to the incorporation by reference of its report into this Registration Statement. The Company has dispensed with the requirement to file the written consent of Arthur Andersen LLP in reliance on Rule 437a promulgated under the Securities Act. Since the Company has not been able to obtain the written consent of Arthur Andersen LLP, investors will not be able to recover against Arthur Andersen LLP under Section 11 of the Securities Act for any untrue statements of material fact contained in the financial statements audited by Arthur Andersen LLP incorporated by reference herein or any omissions to state a material fact required to be stated herein.

## ITEM 8. EXHIBITS

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5.1	Opinion of Haynes and Boone, LLP
24.1	Power of Attorney (included in the signature page)
23.1	Consent of Arthur Andersen LLP (omitted pursuant to Rule 437(a) under the Securities Act)

23.2	Consent of Haynes and Boone, LLP (included as part of Exhibit 5.1)
99.1	Amendment to the 2001 Stock Incentive Plan
99.2	2001 Stock Incentive Plan (incorporated by reference from Exhibit 99.1 of the Company's Registration Statement on Form S-8, Reg. No. 33-70780)

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#### SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, the registrant certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form S-8 and has duly caused this Registration Statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of Houston, State of Texas, on November 1, 2002.

#### NUEVO ENERGY COMPANY

By: /s/ James L. Payne

James L. Payne
Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer

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### POWER OF ATTORNEY

Each of the undersigned hereby appoints James L. Payne as attorney and agent for the undersigned, with full power of substitution, for and in the name, place and stead of the undersigned, to sign and file with the Securities and Exchange Commission under the Securities Act of 1933 any and all amendments and exhibits to this Registration Statement and any and all applications, instruments and other documents to be filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission pertaining to the registration of the securities covered hereby, with full power and authority to do and perform any and all acts and things whatsoever requisite or desirable.

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, this Registration Statement has been signed by the following persons in the capacities indicated on October 31, 2002.

Signature Title

/s/ James L. Payne	Chairman, President and Chief Exe (principal executive officer)
James L. Payne	(principal executive officer)
/s/ Janet F. Clark	Chief Financial Officer (principa financial officer)
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/s/ Robert L. Gerry III	Director
Robert L. Gerry III	
/s/ Gary R. Petersen	Director
Gary R. Petersen	
/s/ James T. Jongebloed	Director
James T. Jongebloed	
/s/ Isaac Arnold, Jr.	Director
Isaac Arnold, Jr.	
/s/ Charles M. Elson	Director
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/s/ Sheryl K. Pressler	Director
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