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September 19, 2002

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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) SEPTEMBER 19, 2002

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, 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 4. ACQUISITION AND DISPOSITION OF ASSETS.

On September 18, 2002, Nuevo Energy Company (the "Company") acquired Athanor Resources, Inc., a privately held company, pursuant to the Agreement and Plan of Merger attached hereto as Exhibit 2.1. The Company announced the transaction in a press release attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

ITEM 7. EXHIBITS

(a) EXHIBITS

- 2.1 Agreement and Plan of Merger dated September 18, 2002 by and among Athanor Resources, Inc., Athanor B.V., Nuevo Energy Company, Nuevo Texas Inc., Yorktown Energy Partners III, L.P., Yorktown Energy IV, L.P., Yorktown Partners LLC, SAFIC S.A., Charles de Mestral, J. Ross Craft, Montana Oil and Gas, Ltd., David A. Badley, James S. Scott, Glenn Reed, Doug Allison and Mohamed Yaich
- 10.1 Registration Rights Agreement dated September 18, 2002 by and among Nuevo Energy Company, Yorktown Energy Partners III, L.P., Yorktown Energy IV, L.P., Yorktown Partners LLC, SAFIC S.A., Charles de Mestral, J. Ross Craft, Montana Oil and Gas, Ltd., David A. Badley, James S. Scott, Glenn Reed, Doug Allison and Mohamed Yaich
- 99.1 Press release dated September 18, 2002, announcing the acquisition of Athanor Resources, Inc.

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: September 19, 2002  
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By: /s/ James L. Payne  
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James L. Payne  
Chairman, President and  
Chief Executive Officer

Date: September 19, 2002  
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By: /s/ Janet F. Clark  
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Janet F. Clark  
Senior Vice President and  
Chief Financial Officer

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