

DEVON ENERGY CORP/DE

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**Registration No. 333-**

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

**Form S-3**  
**REGISTRATION STATEMENT**  
**UNDER**  
**THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933**

**DEVON ENERGY CORPORATION**

*(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)*

**Delaware**

*(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation or organization)*

**73-1567067**

*(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification Number)*

**20 North Broadway**  
**Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73102-8260**  
**(405) 235-3611**

*(Address, including zip code, and telephone number, including area code, of Registrant's principal executive offices)*

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**Approximate date of commencement of proposed sale to the public:** From time to time after this registration statement becomes effective.

If the only securities being registered on this Form are being offered pursuant to dividend or interest reinvestment plans, please check the following box.

If any of the securities being registered on this Form are to be offered on a delayed or continuous basis pursuant to Rule 415 under the Securities Act of 1933, other than securities offered only in connection with dividend or interest reinvestment plans, check the following box.

If this Form is filed to register additional securities for an offering pursuant to Rule 462(b) under the Securities Act, check the following box and list the Securities Act registration statement number of the earlier effective registration statement for the same offering.

If this Form is a post-effective amendment filed pursuant to Rule 462(c) under the Securities Act, check the following box and list the Securities Act registration statement number of the earlier effective registration statement for the same offering.

If delivery of the prospectus is expected to be made pursuant to Rule 434, please check the following box.

If this Form is a registration statement pursuant to General Instruction I.D. or a post-effective amendment thereto that shall become effective upon filing with the Commission pursuant to Rule 462(e) under the Securities Act, check the following box.

If this Form is a post-effective amendment to a registration statement filed pursuant to General Instruction I.D. filed to register additional securities or additional classes of securities pursuant to Rule 413(b) under the Securities Act, check the following box.

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, or a smaller reporting company. See the definitions of large accelerated filer, accelerated filer and smaller reporting company in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act. (Check One):

Large accelerated  
filer

Accelerated filer

Non-accelerated filer

Smaller reporting  
company

(Do not check if a smaller  
reporting company)

#### **CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE**

<b>Title of Each Class of Securities to be Registered</b>	<b>Amounts to be Registered</b>	<b>Proposed Maximum Offering Price per Unit</b>	<b>Proposed Maximum Aggregate Offering Price</b>	<b>Amount of Registration Fee(1)</b>
Common stock, par value \$0.10 per share				
Preferred stock, par value \$1.00 per share	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)
Debt securities				

(1) In accordance with Rules 456(b) and 457(r), the Registrant is deferring payment of all of the registration fee.

(2) An indeterminate aggregate initial offering price of securities of each class is being registered as may from time to time be offered at indeterminate prices.

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**PROSPECTUS**

**Devon Energy Corporation**

**COMMON STOCK, PREFERRED STOCK AND  
DEBT SECURITIES**

By this prospectus, Devon Energy Corporation may offer, from time to time, its common stock, preferred stock and debt securities. We will provide more specific information regarding these securities in supplements to this prospectus. You should read this prospectus and any supplement carefully before investing.

Our common stock, par value \$0.10 per share, is listed on the New York Stock Exchange and its trading symbol is DVN.

**Investing in securities involves risks. You should carefully read the risk factors included in the applicable prospectus supplement and in our periodic reports and other information filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission before investing in our securities.**

We may sell these securities to or through underwriters, to other purchasers and/or through agents. The supplements to this prospectus will specify the names of and arrangements with any underwriters or agents.

Neither the Securities and Exchange Commission nor any state securities commission has approved or disapproved of these securities, or determined if this prospectus is truthful or complete. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.

The date of this Prospectus is December 9, 2008.

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You should rely only on the information contained in or incorporated by reference in this prospectus. We have not authorized anyone to provide you with different information. You should not assume that the information provided by this prospectus is accurate as of any date other than the date on the front of this prospectus.

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**ABOUT THIS PROSPECTUS**

This prospectus may not be used to sell securities unless it is accompanied by a prospectus supplement.

This prospectus is part of a registration statement we filed with the SEC utilizing a shelf registration process. Under this shelf registration process, we may sell the securities described in this prospectus in one or more offerings.

This prospectus provides you with a general description of the securities we may offer. Each time we sell offered securities, we will provide a prospectus supplement that will contain specific information about the terms of that offering. The prospectus supplement may include additional risk factors or other special considerations applicable to those securities. The prospectus supplement may also add, update or change information contained in this prospectus. If there is any inconsistency between the information in this prospectus and any prospectus supplement, you should rely on the information in the prospectus supplement. You should read both this prospectus and any prospectus supplement together with additional information described under [Where You Can Find More Information](#).

Unless the context otherwise indicates, the terms [Devon](#), [we](#), [us](#) and [our](#) in this prospectus mean Devon Energy Corporation, a Delaware corporation, and its consolidated subsidiaries.

**DEVON ENERGY CORPORATION**

Devon is an independent energy company engaged primarily in oil and gas exploration, development and production, the transportation of oil, gas, and natural gas liquids, or NGLs, and the processing of natural gas. We own oil and gas properties principally in the United States and Canada and, to a lesser degree, various regions located outside North America, including Azerbaijan, Brazil and China. In addition to our oil and gas operations, we have marketing and midstream operations primarily in North America. These include marketing natural gas, crude oil and NGLs, and constructing and operating pipelines, storage and treating facilities and gas processing plants.

Our principal and administrative offices are located at 20 North Broadway, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73102-8260. Our telephone number at that location is (405) 235-3611.

**USE OF PROCEEDS**

Unless otherwise indicated in an accompanying prospectus supplement, we expect to use the net proceeds from the sale of the securities offered by this prospectus for general corporate purposes, which may include, among other things:

- the repayment of outstanding indebtedness;
- working capital;
- capital expenditures; and
- acquisitions.

The precise amount and timing of the application of such proceeds will depend upon our funding requirements and the availability and cost of other funds.

**RATIOS OF EARNINGS TO FIXED CHARGES AND EARNINGS TO COMBINED FIXED  
CHARGES AND PREFERRED STOCK DIVIDENDS**

The ratios of earnings to fixed charges and earnings to combined fixed charges and preferred stock dividends for each of the periods set forth below have been completed on a consolidated basis and should be read in conjunction with Devon's consolidated financial statements, including the accompanying notes thereto, incorporated by reference in this prospectus.



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	<b>Nine Months Ended Sept. 30, 2008</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>Year Ended December 31,</b>				<b>2003</b>
			<b>2006</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2004</b>		
Ratio of earnings to fixed charges	17.49	8.78	8.08	8.34	6.65	4.84	
Ratio of earnings to combined fixed charges and preferred stock dividends	17.06	8.54	7.85	8.13	6.48	4.72	

Our ratios of earnings to fixed charges and earnings to combined fixed charges and preferred stock dividends were computed based on:

*earnings*, which consist of earnings from continuing operations before income taxes, plus fixed charges;

*fixed charges*, which consist of interest expense, dividends on subsidiary's preferred stock and one-third of rental expense estimated to be attributable to interest; and

*preferred stock dividends*, which consist of the amount of pre-tax earnings required to pay dividends on the outstanding preferred stock.

**DESCRIPTION OF CAPITAL STOCK****General**

Devon's authorized capital stock consists of:

1.0 billion shares of common stock, par value \$0.10 per share, and

4.5 million shares of preferred stock, par value \$1.00 per share.

As of October 31, 2008, there were 441.5 million shares of common stock outstanding and no shares of preferred stock outstanding.

**Common Stock**

Holders of common stock will be entitled to receive dividends out of legally available funds when and if declared by our board of directors. Subject to the rights of the holders of any outstanding shares of preferred stock, holders of shares of common stock will be entitled to cast one vote for each share held of record on all matters submitted to a vote of stockholders. They will not be entitled to cumulative voting rights for the election of directors. Except pursuant to our rights agreement, the shares of common stock have no preemptive, conversion or other rights to subscribe for or purchase any of our securities. Upon our liquidation or dissolution, the holders of shares of common stock are entitled to share ratably in any of our assets that remain after payment or provision for payment to creditors and holders of preferred stock.

**Preferred Stock**

The preferred stock may be issued in one or more series. Our board may establish attributes of any series, including the designation and number of shares in the series, dividend rates (cumulative or noncumulative), voting rights, redemptions, conversion or preference rights, and any other rights and qualifications, preferences and limitations or restrictions on shares of a series. The issuance of preferred stock may have the effect of delaying, deferring or preventing a change in control of Devon without any vote or action by the stockholders and may adversely affect the voting and other rights of the holders of shares of common stock. The specific terms of a particular series of preferred stock will be described in a certificate of designation relating to that series.

*Series A Junior Participating Preferred Stock.* We have designated 2.9 million shares of preferred stock as series A junior participating preferred stock in connection with our rights agreement.

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**Anti-takeover and Other Provisions**

*Rights Agreement.* Under our rights agreement, holders of shares of common stock have one-half of one right for each share of common stock that they hold. The certificates representing outstanding shares of common stock also evidence one-half of one right for each share. Initially, the rights trade with the shares of common stock. If events generally associated with an unsolicited takeover attempt of Devon or transactions involving a change of control occur, including an acquisition or a tender or exchange offer that would result in a bidder acquiring 15% or more of our voting securities, the rights will be distributed, will become exercisable and will trade separately from the shares of common stock.

The rights will have anti-takeover effects. They will cause substantial dilution to any person or group that attempts to acquire us in a manner that causes the rights to become exercisable. We believe, however, that the rights should not affect any prospective offeror willing to negotiate with our board nor interfere with any merger or other business combination approved by our board. Our board may redeem the rights for \$0.01 per right. Our board may amend the terms of the rights agreement without the consent of our stockholders or the holders of the rights. The rights expire on August 17, 2009.

*Classified Board.* Devon's certificate of incorporation and bylaws contain provisions for a staggered board of directors with only one-third of the board standing for election each year. A staggered board makes it more difficult for shareholders to change the majority of directors. At the 2008 Annual Meeting of Stockholders, our stockholders approved an amendment to our Certificate of Incorporation to eliminate the staggered board of directors over a three-year transition period. Beginning in 2011, all of our directors will be elected annually.

**DESCRIPTION OF UNDESIGNATED PREFERRED STOCK**

This summary of the undesignated preferred stock discusses terms and conditions that we expect may apply to any series of the preferred stock that may be offered under this prospectus. The applicable prospectus supplement will describe the particular terms of each series of preferred stock actually offered. If indicated in the prospectus supplement, the terms of any series may differ from the terms described below.

We expect the prospectus supplement for any preferred stock that we actually offer pursuant to this prospectus to include some or all of the following terms:

the designation of the series of preferred stock;

the number of shares of preferred stock offered, the liquidation preference per share and the offering price of the preferred stock;

the dividend rate or rates of the shares, the method or methods of calculating the dividend rate or rates, the dates on which dividends, if declared, will be payable, and whether or not the dividends are to be cumulative and, if cumulative, the date or dates from which dividends shall be cumulative;

the amounts payable on shares of the preferred stock in the event of our voluntary or involuntary liquidation, dissolution or winding up;

the redemption rights and price or prices, if any, for the shares of preferred stock;

the terms, and the amount, of any sinking fund or analogous fund providing for the purchase or redemption of the shares of preferred stock;

any restrictions on our ability to make payments on any of our capital stock if dividend or other payments are not made on the preferred stock;

any voting rights granted to the holders of the shares of preferred stock in addition to those required by Delaware law or our certificate of incorporation;

whether the shares of preferred stock will be convertible into shares of our common stock or any other class of our capital stock, and, if convertible, the conversion price or prices, and any adjustment or other terms and conditions upon which the conversion shall be made;

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any other rights, preferences, restrictions, limitations or conditions relative to the shares of preferred stock permitted by Delaware law or our certificate of incorporation;

any listing of the preferred stock on any securities exchange; and

the federal income tax considerations applicable to the preferred stock.

Subject to our certificate of incorporation and to any limitations imposed by any then outstanding preferred stock, we may issue additional series of preferred stock, at any time or from time to time, with such powers, preferences, rights and qualifications, limitations or restrictions as our board of directors determines, and without further action of the stockholders, including holders of our then outstanding preferred stock, if any.

**DESCRIPTION OF DEBT SECURITIES**

The following description of the debt securities sets forth certain general terms and provisions of the debt securities to which this prospectus and any prospectus supplement may relate. The particular terms of any series of debt securities and the extent to which the general provisions may apply to a particular series of debt securities will be described in a prospectus supplement relating to that series. References in this section to Devon mean Devon Energy Corporation and not its subsidiaries.

Any debt securities offered by this prospectus will be issued under one or more indentures between Devon and a trustee. We have summarized selected provisions of the indentures below. Devon senior debt securities are to be issued under an indenture dated as of March 1, 2002 between Devon and The Bank of New York Mellon (as successor to The Bank of New York), as trustee (the Devon senior indenture), a copy of which is incorporated by reference as an exhibit to the registration statement of which this prospectus forms a part. Devon subordinated debt securities are to be issued under an indenture (the Devon subordinated indenture), the form of which is filed as an exhibit to the registration statement of which this prospectus forms a part. The Devon senior indenture and the Devon subordinated indenture are sometimes referred to herein, collectively, as the indentures and each, individually, as an indenture. You should read the indentures for provisions that may be important to you.

Because we have included only a summary of the indenture terms, you must read the indentures in full to understand every detail of the terms of the debt securities.

The indentures will not limit the amount of debt securities we may issue under them, and will provide that additional debt securities of any series may be issued up to the aggregate principal amount that we authorize from time to time.

Unless otherwise indicated in the applicable prospectus supplement, we will issue the debt securities in denominations of \$1,000 or integral multiples of \$1,000.

Principal and any premium and interest in respect of the debt securities will be payable, and the debt securities will be transferable, at the corporate trust office of the trustee, unless we specify otherwise in the applicable prospectus supplement. At our option, however, we may pay interest by mailing checks to the registered holders of the debt securities at their registered addresses.

We will describe any special U.S. federal income tax and other considerations relating to debt securities in the applicable prospectus supplement.

**General**

The prospectus supplement relating to the particular series of debt securities being offered will specify the amounts, prices and terms of those debt securities. These terms may include:

the designation, aggregate principal amount and authorized denominations of the debt securities;

the date or dates on which the debt securities will mature;

the percentage of the principal amount at which the debt securities will be issued;

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the date on which the principal of the debt securities will be payable;

whether the debt securities will be issued as registered securities, bearer securities or a combination of the two;

whether the debt securities will be issued in the form of one or more global securities and whether such global securities will be issued in a temporary global form or permanent global form;

the currency or currencies or currency unit or units of two or more currencies in which debt securities are denominated, for which they may be purchased, and in which principal and any premium and interest is payable;

whether the currency or currencies or currency unit or units for which debt securities may be purchased or in which principal and any premium interest may be paid is at our election or at the election of a purchaser, the manner in which an election may be made and its terms;

the annual rate or rates, which may be fixed or variable, or the method of determining the rate or rates at which the debt securities will bear any interest, whether by remarketing, auction, formula or otherwise;

the date or dates from which any interest will accrue and the date or dates on which such interest will be payable;

a description of any provisions providing for redemption, exchange or conversion of the debt securities at our option, at holder's option or otherwise, and the terms and provisions of such a redemption, exchange or conversion;

information with respect to book-entry procedures relating to global debt securities;

any sinking fund terms;

whether and under what circumstances we will pay additional amounts, as defined in the indenture, on the debt securities to any holder; the term interest, as used in this prospectus, includes any additional amounts;

any events of default or covenants of Devon with respect to the debt securities of a certain series that are different from those described in this prospectus;

whether and under what circumstances any covenants in the indenture shall be subject to covenant defeasance;

any deletions from, or modifications or additions to, the provisions of the indenture relating to satisfaction and discharge in respect of the debt securities;

any index or other method used to determine the amount of payments of principal of and any premium and interest on the debt securities; and

any other specific terms of the debt securities.

We are not obligated to issue all debt securities of any one series at the same time. The debt securities of any one series may not bear interest at the same rate or mature on the same date.

If we sell any of the debt securities for foreign currencies or foreign currency units or if the principal of, or any premium or interest on, any series of debt securities is payable in foreign currencies or foreign currency units, we will describe the restrictions, elections, tax consequences, specific terms and other information with respect to those debt securities in the applicable prospectus supplement.

Except as may be described in the applicable prospectus supplement, the indenture will not limit our ability to incur indebtedness or afford holders of debt securities protection in the event of a decline in our credit quality or if we are involved in a takeover, recapitalization or highly leveraged or similar transaction. The prospectus supplement relating to the particular series of debt securities, to the extent not otherwise described in this prospectus, will include any information with respect to any deletions from, modifications of or additions to the covenants or events of default described below and contained in the indenture, including any addition of a covenant or other provision providing event risk or similar protection.



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Unless otherwise indicated in the applicable prospectus supplement, Devon's obligation to pay the principal of, and any premium and interest on, its senior debt securities will be unsecured and will rank equally with all of Devon's other unsecured unsubordinated indebtedness.

## **Interest Rates and Discounts**

The debt securities will earn interest at a fixed or floating rate or rates for the period or periods of time specified in the applicable prospectus supplement. Unless otherwise specified in the applicable prospectus supplement, the debt securities will bear interest on the basis of a 360-day year consisting of twelve 30-day months.

We may sell debt securities at a substantial discount below their stated principal amount, bearing no interest or interest at a rate that at the time of issuance is below market rates. We will describe the federal income tax consequences and special considerations that apply to those debt securities in the applicable prospectus supplement.

## **Exchange, Registration and Transfer**

Unless otherwise specified, debt securities of any series will be exchangeable for other debt securities of the same series and of like aggregate principal amount and tenor in different authorized denominations.

You may present debt securities for registration of transfer, together with a duly executed form of transfer, at the office of the security registrar or at the office of any transfer agent designated by us for that purpose with respect to any series of debt securities and referred to in the applicable prospectus supplement. This may be done without service charge but upon payment of any taxes and other governmental charges as described in the indenture. The security registrar or the transfer agent will effect the transfer or exchange upon being satisfied with the documents of title and identity of the person making the request. We may at any time designate additional transfer agents with respect to any series of debt securities.

In the event of any redemption, we will not be required to:

execute, register the transfer of or exchange debt securities of any series during a period beginning at the opening of business 15 days before any selection of debt securities of that series to be redeemed and ending at the close of business on the day of mailing of the relevant notice of redemption; or

execute, register the transfer of or exchange any debt security, or portion thereof, called for redemption, except the unredeemed portion of any debt security being redeemed in part.

## **Payment and Paying Agents**

Unless we specify otherwise in the applicable prospectus supplement, we will pay the principal of, and any premium and interest on, debt securities at the office of the paying agent or paying agents that we designate at various times. However, at our option, we may make interest payments by check mailed to the address, as it appears in the security register, of the person entitled to the payments. Unless we specify otherwise in the applicable prospectus supplement, the Corporate Trust Office of the trustee in New York, New York, will be designated as our sole paying agent for payments with respect to debt securities that are issuable solely as registered securities.

All monies we pay to a paying agent for the payment of principal of, and any premium and interest on, any debt security or coupon that remains unclaimed at the end of two years after becoming due and payable will be repaid to us. After that time, the holder of the debt security or coupon will look only to us for payments out of those repaid amounts.

**Global Securities**

The debt securities of a series may be issued in whole or in part in the form of one or more global certificates that we will deposit with a depository identified in the applicable prospectus supplement, or a custodian for such depository. Global securities may be issued in either registered or bearer form and in either temporary or permanent

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form. Unless and until it is exchanged in whole or in part for the individual debt securities it represents, a global security may not be transferred except as a whole:

by the applicable depository to a nominee of the depository;

by any nominee to the depository itself or another nominee; or

by the depository or any nominee to a successor depository or any nominee of the successor.

We will describe the specific terms of the depository arrangement with respect to a series of debt securities in the applicable prospectus supplement. We anticipate that the following provisions will generally apply to depository arrangements.

When we issue a global security in registered form, the depository for the global security or its nominee will credit, on its book-entry registration and transfer system, the respective principal amounts of the individual debt securities represented by that global security to the accounts of participants that have accounts with the depository. Those accounts will be designated by the dealers, underwriters or agents with respect to the underlying debt securities or by us if those debt securities are offered and sold directly by us. Ownership of beneficial interests in a global security will be limited to participants or persons that may hold interests through participants. For interests of participants, ownership of beneficial interests in the global security will be shown on records maintained by the applicable depository or its nominee. For interests of persons other than participants, that ownership information will be shown on the records of participants. Transfer of that ownership will be effected only through those records.

The laws of some states require that certain purchasers of securities take physical delivery of securities in definitive form. These limits and laws may impair your ability to transfer beneficial interests in a global security.

As long as the depository for a global security, or its nominee, is the registered owner of that global security, the depository or nominee will be considered the sole owner or holder of the debt securities represented by the global security for all purposes under the applicable indenture. Except as provided below, owners of beneficial interests in a global security:

will not be entitled to have any of the underlying debt securities registered in their names;

will not receive or be entitled to receive physical delivery of any of the underlying debt securities in definitive form; and

will not be considered the owners or holders under the indenture relating to those debt securities.

We will make payments of principal of, and any premium and interest on, individual debt securities represented by a global security registered in the name of a depository or its nominee to the depository or its nominee as the registered owner of the global security representing such debt securities. Neither we, the trustee, any paying agent nor the registrar for the debt securities will be responsible for any aspect of the records relating to or payments made by the depository or any participants on account of beneficial interests of the global security.

We expect that the depository or its nominee, upon receipt of any payment of principal, premium or interest relating to a permanent global security representing any series of debt securities, immediately will credit participants' accounts with the payments. Those payments will be credited in amounts proportional to the respective beneficial interests of the participants in the principal amount of the global security as shown on the records of the depository or its nominee. We also expect that payments by participants to owners of beneficial interests in the global security held through those

participants will be governed by standing instructions and customary practices. This is now the case with securities held for the accounts of customers in bearer form or registered in street name. Those payments will be the sole responsibility of those participants.

If the depository for a series of debt securities is at any time unwilling, unable or ineligible to continue as depository and we do not appoint a successor depository within 90 days, we will issue individual debt securities of that series in exchange for the global security or securities representing that series. In addition, we may at any time in our sole discretion determine not to have any debt securities of a series represented by one or more global securities. In that event, we will issue individual debt securities of that series in exchange for the global security or securities. Further, if we specify, an owner of a beneficial interest in a global security may, on terms acceptable to us,

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the trustee and the applicable depository, receive individual debt securities of that series in exchange for those beneficial interests. The foregoing is subject to any limitations described in the applicable prospectus supplement. In that instance, the owner of the beneficial interest will be entitled to physical delivery of individual debt securities equal in principal amount to the beneficial interest and to have the debt securities registered in its name. Those individual debt securities will be issued in denominations, unless we specify otherwise, of \$1,000 or integral multiples of \$1,000.

For a description of the depository arrangements for global securities held by The Depository Trust Company, also known as DTC, see Book-Entry Securities.

## **Events of Default**

Unless otherwise specified in the applicable prospectus supplement, any one of the following events will constitute an event of default under the indentures with respect to the debt securities of any series issued under the indentures:

if we fail to pay any interest on any debt security of that series when due, and the failure continues for 30 days;

if we fail to pay principal of or any premium on the debt securities of that series when due and payable, either at maturity or otherwise;

if we fail to perform or we breach any of our other covenants or warranties in the applicable indentures or in the debt securities of that series, other than a covenant or warranty included in the applicable indenture solely for the benefit of a series of securities other than the debt securities of that series, and that breach or failure continues for 60 days (subject to extension under certain circumstances for another 120 days) after written notice as provided in the applicable indenture;

certain events of bankruptcy, insolvency or reorganization involving us or certain of our subsidiaries; and

any other event of default provided with respect to the debt securities of that series.

If we fail to pay the principal of, or premium or interest on, the debt securities of any series or we fail to perform or breach any of the other covenants or warranties applicable to the debt securities of that series but not applicable to all outstanding debt securities, and such event of default is continuing, either the trustee or the holders of not less than 25% in aggregate principal amount of the outstanding debt securities of that series may declare the principal amount of, and any premium and interest on, the debt securities of that series to be due and payable immediately. If an event of default occurs due to default in the performance of any other of the covenants and warranties applicable to all outstanding debt securities or pertaining to certain events of bankruptcy, insolvency or reorganization, and the event of default is continuing, either the trustee or the holders of not less than 25% in principal amount of all debt securities then outstanding (considered as one class), may declare the principal amount of, and any premium and interest on, all debt securities to be due and payable immediately. There is no automatic acceleration, even in the event of our bankruptcy, insolvency or reorganization. At any time after a declaration of acceleration has been made, but before a judgment or decree for payment of money has been obtained by the trustee, we may cause such declaration of acceleration to be rescinded and annulled with respect to the debt securities of any series if we deposit with the trustee an amount sufficient to pay all overdue interest on the debt securities of that series, the principal of and premium, if any, on the debt securities of that series that have become due and payable otherwise than by such declaration of acceleration and all amounts due to the trustee and if all other events of default with respect to the debt securities of that series have been cured or waived.

Within 90 days after the occurrence of any event of default under the indentures with respect to the debt securities of any series issued under that indenture, the trustee must transmit notice of the event of default to the holders of the debt securities of that series unless the event of default has been cured or waived. The trustee may withhold the notice, however, except in the case of a payment default, if and so long as the board of directors, the executive committee or a trust committee of directors or responsible officers of the trustee has in good faith determined that the withholding of the notice is in the interest of the holders of debt securities of that series.

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If an event of default occurs and is continuing with respect to the debt securities of any series, the trustee may in its discretion proceed to protect and enforce its rights and the rights of the holders of debt securities of that series by all appropriate judicial proceedings.

Subject to the duty of the trustee during any default to act with the required standard of care, the trustee is under no obligation to exercise any of its rights or powers under the indenture at the request or direction of any of the holders of debt securities issued under that indenture, unless the holders offer the trustee reasonable indemnity. Subject to indemnifying the trustee, and subject to applicable law and certain other provisions of the indenture, the holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of the outstanding debt securities of a series issued under that indenture may direct the time, method and place of conducting any proceeding for any remedy available to the trustee, or exercising any trust or power conferred on the trustee, with respect to the debt securities of that series.

## **Defeasance**

Unless the applicable prospectus supplement provides otherwise, any debt securities, or portion of the principal amount of the debt securities, will be deemed to have been paid for purposes of the applicable indentures, and, at our election, our entire indebtedness with respect to the debt securities, or portion thereof, will be deemed to have been satisfied and discharged, if we have irrevocably deposited with the trustee or any paying agent other than us, in trust, money, certain eligible obligations, as defined in the applicable indentures, or a combination of the two, sufficient to pay principal of and any premium and interest due and to become due on the debt securities or portions thereof.

The applicable prospectus supplement will describe, if applicable, our ability to be released from any of our covenant obligations under the indentures.

## **Modification and Waiver**

The trustee and Devon may, without the consent of holders, modify or waive provisions of each indenture for certain purposes, including, among other things, curing ambiguities and maintaining the qualification of the applicable indenture under the Trust Indenture Act. The trustee and Devon may modify or waive certain provisions of each indenture with the consent of the holders of not less than a majority in aggregate principal amount of the debt securities of each series issued under that indenture affected by the modification or waiver. However, the provisions of any indenture may not be waived or modified without the consent of the holders of each debt security affected thereby if the modification or waiver would:

change the stated maturity of the principal of, or any installment of principal of or interest on, any debt security issued under that indenture;

reduce the principal amount of, or interest on, any debt security issued under the indenture, or change the method of calculating the interest on, or reduce any premium payable upon the redemption of, any such debt security;

change the coin or currency (or other property) in which any debt security issued under that indenture or any premium or any interest on that debt security or any additional amounts with respect to that debt security is payable;

impair the right to institute suit for the enforcement of any payment on or after the stated maturity of any debt securities issued under that indenture or, in the case of redemption, on or after the redemption date;

reduce the percentage and principal amount of the outstanding debt securities, the consent of the holders of which is required under that indenture in order to take certain actions; or

modify any of the provisions of Sections 12.02, 6.07 (6.06 in the case of the Devon subordinated indenture) and 8.13 of each indenture relating to modifying the indenture, waiving certain covenants and waiving past defaults, respectively.

The holders of at least a majority in aggregate principal amount of outstanding debt securities of any series issued under an indenture may, on behalf of the holders of all debt securities of that series, waive our compliance



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with certain restrictive provisions of that indenture. The holders of not less than a majority in aggregate principal amount of debt securities of any series issued under either of the indentures may, on behalf of all holders of debt securities of that series, waive any past default and its consequences under that indenture with respect to the debt securities of that series, except:

a payment default with respect to debt securities of that series; or

a default of a covenant or provision of that indenture that cannot be modified or amended without the consent of the holder of the debt securities of that series.

## **Consolidation, Merger and Sale of Assets**

We may not consolidate with or merge into, or convey, transfer or lease our properties and assets substantially as an entirety to, any person (as defined in the applicable indenture) unless:

the entity formed by the consolidation or into which we are merged, or the person which acquires by conveyance or transfer, or which leases, substantially all of our properties and assets:

is organized and validly existing under the laws of the United States, any domestic jurisdiction or the District of Columbia; and

expressly assumes our obligations on the debt securities and under the applicable indenture;

immediately after the transaction becomes effective, no event of default, and no event that would become an event of default, will have occurred and be continuing; and

we have delivered to the trustee an officer's certificate and opinion of counsel as provided in the applicable indenture.

## **Covenants**

Unless otherwise specified in the prospectus supplement, the following covenants will apply to the senior debt securities issued by Devon. Various capitalized terms used within this **Covenants** subsection are defined at the end of this subsection.

### ***Liens***

Neither Devon nor any of its Restricted Subsidiaries may incur, issue, assume or guarantee any Debt that is secured by a Mortgage on any Principal Property or on any shares of stock or Indebtedness of any Restricted Subsidiary of Devon, without first effectively providing that the securities (together with, if Devon so determines, any other indebtedness of Devon or its Restricted Subsidiaries that is not subordinate in right of payment to the prior right of payment in full of the securities) will be secured equally and ratably with, or prior to, the incurred, issued, assumed or guaranteed secured Debt, for so long as this secured Debt remains so secured.

This limitation on the incurrence, issuance, assumption or guarantee of any Debt secured by a Mortgage will not apply to, and there will be excluded from any secured Debt in any computation under this covenant, Debt secured by:

Mortgages existing at the date of the indenture;

Mortgages on property of, or on any shares of stock or Indebtedness of, any entity existing at the time the entity is merged into or consolidated with Devon or becomes a Restricted Subsidiary of Devon;

Mortgages in favor of Devon or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries;

Mortgages on property, shares of stock or Indebtedness:

existing at the time of acquisition thereof, including acquisitions through merger, consolidation or other reorganization;

to secure the payment of all or any part of the purchase price thereof or construction thereon; or

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to secure any Debt incurred prior to, at the time of, or within one year after the later of the acquisition, the completion of construction or the commencement of full operation of the property or within one year after the acquisition of the shares or Indebtedness for the purpose of financing all or any part of the purchase price thereof or construction thereon;

provided that, if a commitment for the financing is obtained prior to or within this one-year period, the applicable Mortgage will be deemed to be included in this clause whether or not the Mortgage is created within this one-year period;

Mortgages in favor of the United States, any state thereof, Canada, or any province thereof, or any department, agency or instrumentality or political subdivision of any of the foregoing, or in favor of any other country or any political subdivision thereof;

Mortgages on minerals or geothermal resources in place, or on related leasehold or other property interests, that are incurred to finance development, production or acquisition costs, including, but not limited to, Mortgages securing advance sale obligations;

Mortgages on equipment used or usable for drilling, servicing or operating oil, gas, coal or other mineral properties or geothermal properties;

Mortgages required by any contract or statute in order to permit Devon or any of its subsidiaries to perform any contract or subcontract made with or at the request of the United States, any state thereof, Canada, any province thereof, or in favor of any other country or any political subdivision thereof, or any department, agency or instrumentality of any of the foregoing;

any Mortgage resulting from the deposit of moneys or evidence of indebtedness in trust for the purpose of defeasing Debt of Devon or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries or secured Debt of Devon or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries the net proceeds of which are used, substantially concurrent with the funding thereof, and taking into consideration, among other things, required notices to be given to the holders of the outstanding securities in connection with the refunding, refinancing or repurchase thereof, and the required corresponding durations thereof, to refund, refinance or repurchase all of the outstanding securities, including the amount of all accrued interest thereon and reasonable fees and expenses and premiums, if any, incurred by Devon or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries in connection therewith; and

any extension, renewal or replacement, or successive extensions, renewals or replacements, of any Mortgage referred to in the foregoing clauses of this covenant, so long as the extension, renewal or replacement Mortgage is limited to all or a part of the same property, including any improvements on the property, shares of stock or Indebtedness that secured the Mortgage so extended, renewed or replaced.

Notwithstanding anything mentioned above, Devon and any one or more of its Restricted Subsidiaries may incur, issue, assume or guarantee Debt secured by Mortgages that would otherwise be subject to the above restrictions if the aggregate amount of the Debt secured by the Mortgages, together with the outstanding principal amount of all other secured Debt of Devon and its Restricted Subsidiaries that would otherwise be subject to the above restrictions, does not exceed 10% of Consolidated Net Tangible Assets.

The following transactions shall not be deemed to create Debt secured by a Mortgage:

the sale or other transfer of oil, gas, coal or other minerals in place for a period of time until, or in an amount such that, the transferee will realize therefrom a specified amount of money, however determined, or a specified amount of oil, gas, coal or other minerals, or the sale or other transfer of any other interest in property of the character commonly referred to as an oil, gas, coal or other mineral payment or a production payment, and including, in any case, overriding royalty interests, net profit interests, reversionary interests and carried interests and other similar burdens on production; and

the sale or other transfer by Devon or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries of properties to a partnership, joint venture or other entity whereby Devon or the Restricted Subsidiary would retain partial ownership of the properties.

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***Definitions***

*Consolidated Net Tangible Assets* means, calculated as of the date of the financial statements for the most recently ended fiscal quarter or fiscal year, as applicable, prior to the date of determination, the aggregate amount of assets of Devon, less applicable reserves and other properly deductible items but including investments in non-consolidated entities, after deducting therefrom:

all current liabilities, excluding any portion thereof constituting Funded Debt by reason of being renewable or extendible at the option of the obligor beyond 12 months from the date of determination; and

all goodwill, trade names, trademarks, patents, unamortized debt discount and expenses and other like intangibles, all as set forth on a consolidated balance sheet of Devon and computed in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States.

*Debt* means indebtedness for money borrowed.

*Funded Debt* means all Debt of Devon or any of its subsidiaries for money borrowed which is not by its terms subordinated in right of payment to the prior payment in full of the securities or to Devon's full and unconditional guarantee in respect thereof, as applicable, having a maturity of more than 12 months from the date as of which the amount thereof is to be determined or having a maturity of fewer than 12 months but by its terms being:

renewable or extendible beyond 12 months from such date at the option of the obligor; or

issued in connection with a commitment by a bank or other financial institution to lend so that the indebtedness is treated as though it had a maturity in excess of 12 months pursuant to accounting principles generally accepted in the United States.

*Indebtedness* means Debt and the deferred purchase price of property or assets purchased.

*Mortgage* means and includes any mortgage, pledge, lien, security interest, conditional sale or other title retention agreement or other similar encumbrance.

*Offshore* means the lands beneath the navigable waters of the U.S. or Canada, or the continental shelf of the U.S. or Canada.

*Principal Property* means any oil, gas or mineral producing property, or any refining, processing, smelting or manufacturing facility located in the U.S., Canada or Offshore, other than:

property employed in transportation, distribution or marketing;

information and electronic data processing equipment; or

any property that, in the opinion of the Board of Directors of Devon, is not materially important to the total business conducted by Devon and its subsidiaries as an entirety.

*Restricted Subsidiary* means Devon Financing Corporation, U.L.C. and any other subsidiary of Devon:

a substantial portion of the property of which is located, or a substantial portion of the business of which is carried on, within the U.S., Canada or Offshore;

that owns or leases under a capital lease any Principal Property; and

that has Stockholders' Equity exceeding 2% of Consolidated Net Tangible Assets.

*Stockholders' Equity* means, with respect to any corporation, partnership, joint venture, association, joint stock company, limited liability company, unlimited liability company, trust, unincorporated organization or government, or any agency or political subdivision thereof, stockholders' equity, as computed in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States.

### **The Trustee**

We may appoint a separate trustee for any series of debt securities. In the description of a series of debt securities, the term trustee refers to the trustee appointed with respect to such series of debt securities. The trustee

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may be a depository for funds and perform other services for, and may transact other banking business with, Devon and its subsidiaries in the normal course of business.

**BOOK-ENTRY SECURITIES**

Unless otherwise specified in the applicable prospectus supplement, we will issue securities, other than our common stock, to investors in the form of one or more book-entry certificates registered in the name of a depository or a nominee of a depository. Unless otherwise specified in the applicable prospectus supplement, the depository will be DTC. We have been informed by DTC that its nominee will be Cede & Co. Accordingly, Cede is expected to be the initial registered holder of all securities that are issued in book-entry form.

No person that acquires a beneficial interest in securities issued in book-entry form will be entitled to receive a certificate representing those securities, except as set forth in this prospectus or in the applicable prospectus supplement. Unless and until definitive securities are issued under the limited circumstances described below, all references to actions by holders or beneficial owners of securities issued in book-entry form will refer to actions taken by DTC upon instructions from its participants, and all references to payments and notices to holders or beneficial owners will refer to payments and notices to DTC or Cede, as the registered holder of such securities.

DTC has informed us that it is:

- a limited-purpose trust company organized under New York banking laws;
- a banking organization within the meaning of the New York banking laws;
- a member of the Federal Reserve System;
- a clearing corporation within the meaning of the New York Uniform Commercial Code; and
- a clearing agency registered under the Securities Exchange Act.

DTC has also informed us that it was created to:

- hold securities for participants; and
- facilitate the computerized settlement of securities transactions among participants through computerized electronic book-entry changes in participants' accounts, thereby eliminating the need for the physical movement of securities certificates.

Participants have accounts with DTC and include securities brokers and dealers, banks, trust companies and clearing corporations. Indirect access to the DTC system also is available to indirect participants such as banks, brokers, dealers and trust companies that clear through or maintain a custodial relationship with a participant, either directly or indirectly.

Persons that are not participants or indirect participants but desire to buy, sell or otherwise transfer ownership of or interests in securities may do so only through participants and indirect participants. Under the book-entry system, beneficial owners may experience some delay in receiving payments, as payments will be forwarded by our agent to Cede, a nominee for DTC. These payments will be forwarded to DTC's participants, which thereafter will forward them to indirect participants or beneficial owners. Beneficial owners will not be recognized by the applicable registrar, transfer agent, trustee or depository as registered holders of the securities entitled to the benefits of the certificate, the

indenture or any deposit agreement. Beneficial owners that are not participants will be permitted to exercise their rights as an owner only indirectly through participants and, if applicable, indirect participants.

Under the current rules and regulations affecting DTC, DTC will be required to make book-entry transfers of securities among participants and to receive and transmit payments to participants. Participants and indirect participants with whom beneficial owners of securities have accounts are also required by these rules to make book-entry transfers and receive and transmit such payments on behalf of their respective account holders.

Because DTC can act only on behalf of participants, who in turn act only on behalf of other participants or indirect participants, and on behalf of certain banks, trust companies and other persons approved by it, the ability of



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a beneficial owner of securities issued in book-entry form to pledge those securities to persons or entities that do not participate in the DTC system may be limited due to the unavailability of physical certificates for the securities.

DTC has advised us that it will take any action permitted to be taken by a registered holder of any securities under the certificate, the indenture or any deposit agreement only at the direction of one or more participants to whose accounts with DTC the securities are credited.

According to DTC, it has provided information with respect to DTC to its participants and other members of the financial community for informational purposes only and is not intended to serve as a representation, warranty or contract modification of any kind.

Unless otherwise specified in the applicable prospectus supplement, a book-entry security will be exchangeable for definitive securities registered in the names of persons other than DTC or its nominee only if:

DTC notifies us that it is unwilling or unable to continue as depository for the book-entry security or DTC ceases to be a clearing agency registered under the Securities Exchange Act at a time when DTC is required to be so registered; or

we execute and deliver to the applicable registrar, transfer agent, trustee and/or depository an order complying with the requirements of the certificate, the indenture or any deposit agreement that the book-entry security will be so exchangeable.

Any book-entry security that is exchangeable in accordance with the preceding sentence will be exchangeable for securities registered in such names as DTC directs.

If one of the events described in the immediately preceding paragraph occurs, DTC is generally required to notify all participants of the availability through DTC of definitive securities. Upon surrender by DTC of the book-entry security representing the securities and delivery of instructions for re-registration, the registrar, transfer agent, trustee or depository, as the case may be, will reissue the securities as definitive securities. After reissuance of the securities, such persons will recognize the beneficial owners of such definitive securities as registered holders of securities.

Except as described above:

a book-entry security may not be transferred except as a whole book-entry security by or among DTC, a nominee of DTC and/or a successor depository appointed by us; and

DTC may not sell, assign or otherwise transfer any beneficial interest in a book-entry security unless the beneficial interest is in an amount equal to an authorized denomination for the securities evidenced by the book-entry security.

None of Devon, the trustees, any registrar and transfer agent or any depository, or any agent of any of them, will have any responsibility or liability for any aspect of DTC's or any participant's records relating to, or for payments made on account of, beneficial interests in a book-entry security.

**PLAN OF DISTRIBUTION**

We may sell the securities through agents, underwriters or dealers, or directly to one or more purchasers without using underwriters or agents.

We may designate agents who agree to use their reasonable efforts to solicit purchases for the period of their appointment or to sell securities on a continuing basis.

If we use underwriters for a sale of securities, the underwriters will acquire the securities for their own accounts. The underwriters may resell the securities in one or more transactions, including negotiated transactions, at a fixed public offering price or at varying prices determined at the time of sale. The obligations of the underwriters to purchase the securities will be subject to the conditions set forth in the applicable underwriting agreement. The underwriters will be obligated to purchase all the securities offered if any of those securities are

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purchased. Any initial public offering price and any discounts or concessions allowed or re-allowed or paid to dealers will be described in the applicable prospectus supplement and may be changed from time to time.

Underwriters, dealers and agents that participate in the distribution of the securities may be underwriters as defined in the Securities Act and any discounts or commissions they receive from us and any profit on their resale of the securities may be treated as underwriting discounts and commissions under the Securities Act. The applicable prospectus supplement will identify any underwriters, dealers or agents and will describe their compensation. We may have agreements with the underwriters, dealers and agents to indemnify them against certain civil liabilities, including liabilities under the Securities Act. Underwriters, dealers and agents may engage in transactions with or perform services for us or our subsidiaries in the ordinary course of their businesses.

Unless otherwise specified in the applicable prospectus supplement, each class or series of securities will be a new issue with no established trading market, other than the common stock, which is listed on the New York Stock Exchange. We may elect to list any other class or series of securities on any exchange, but we are not obligated to do so. It is possible that one or more underwriters may make a market in a class or series of securities, but the underwriters will not be obligated to do so and may discontinue any market making at any time without notice. We cannot give any assurance as to the liquidity of the trading market for any of the securities.

**LEGAL MATTERS**

Certain legal matters in connection with the securities will be passed upon for us by Mayer Brown LLP and for any underwriter by legal counsel named in the prospectus supplement.

**EXPERTS**

The consolidated financial statements of Devon and its subsidiaries as of December 31, 2007 and 2006 and for each of the years in the three-year period ended December 31, 2007, and management's assessment of the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2007, have been incorporated by reference herein in reliance upon the report of KPMG LLP, independent registered public accounting firm, incorporated by reference herein, and upon the authority of said firm as experts in accounting and auditing. The audit report on the consolidated financial statements refers to the 2007 changes in accounting principle related to adoption of fair value accounting standards, the recognition of income tax contingencies, and a change in measurement date of defined benefit pension and other postretirement benefit plan assets and liabilities and refers to the 2006 changes in accounting principle related to the fair value of share-based payments and the balance sheet classification of defined benefit pension and other postretirement benefit plan assets and liabilities.

Certain information with respect to Devon's oil and gas reserves derived from the reports of LaRoche Petroleum Consultants, Ltd., Ryder Scott Company, L.P. and AJM Petroleum Consultants, independent consulting petroleum engineers, has been included and incorporated by reference herein upon the authority of said firms as experts with respect to matters covered by such reports and in giving such reports.

**WHERE YOU CAN FIND MORE INFORMATION**

We file annual, quarterly and special reports, proxy statements and other information with the Securities and Exchange Commission. You may read and copy any reports, statements or other information we file at the SEC's Public Reference Room at 100 F Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20549. Please call the SEC at 1-800-SEC-0330 for further information on the public reference rooms. Our SEC filings are also available to the public from commercial document retrieval services and at the website maintained by the SEC at <http://www.sec.gov>.

We filed with the SEC a registration statement on Form S-3 with respect to the securities offered by this prospectus. This prospectus is a part of that registration statement. As allowed by SEC rules, this prospectus does not contain all the information you can find in the registration statement or the exhibits to the registration statement. Instead, the SEC allows us to incorporate by reference information into this prospectus, which means that we can disclose important information to you by referring you to another document filed separately with the SEC. The

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information incorporated by reference is deemed to be part of this prospectus, except for any information superseded by information in, or incorporated by reference in, this prospectus.

This prospectus incorporates by reference the documents set forth below that we have previously filed with the SEC. These documents contain important information about Devon.

(a) Our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2007, as amended by Form 10-K/A filed on June 9, 2008.

(b) Our Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q for the quarters ended March 31, 2008, June 30, 2008 and September 30, 2008.

(c) Our Current Reports on Form 8-K filed February 6, 2008, June 4, 2008 (as amended by a Current Report on Form 8-K/A filed June 18, 2008), June 4, 2008, August 6, 2008, October 9, 2008 and November 4, 2008.

(d) The description of our Common Stock set forth in Exhibit 4.9 to our Current Report on Form 8-K, filed August 18, 1999, including any amendment or report filed for the purposes of updating such description.

We are also incorporating by reference additional documents that we file with the SEC pursuant to Sections 13(a), 13(c), 14 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act after the date of this prospectus but before the completion of the offering. Current Reports on Form 8-K containing only disclosure furnished under Items 2.02 and 7.01 of Form 8-K are not incorporated herein by reference.

We will provide documents incorporated by reference in this prospectus without charge, excluding all exhibits unless we have specifically incorporated by reference an exhibit in this prospectus. You may obtain documents incorporated by reference in this prospectus (at no cost) by requesting them in writing, by e-mail or by telephone from us at the following address:

Devon Energy Corporation, 20 North Broadway, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73102-8260 Attention: Corporate Secretary, Telephone: (405) 235-3611, [janice.dobbs@dvn.com](mailto:janice.dobbs@dvn.com)

You can also get more information by visiting our website at <http://www.devonenergy.com>. Website materials are not part of this prospectus.

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**PART II**

**INFORMATION NOT REQUIRED IN PROSPECTUS**

**Item 14. *Other Expenses of Issuance and Distribution***

Not applicable.

**Item 15. *Indemnification of Directors and Officers***

Except to the extent indicated below, there is no charter provision, bylaw, contract, arrangement or statute under which any director or officer of Devon is insured or indemnified in any manner against any liability which he or she may incur in his or her capacity as such.

Article VIII of Devon's restated certificate of incorporation, as amended, contains a provision, permitted by Section 102(b)(7) of the Delaware General Corporation Law, limiting the personal monetary liability of directors for breach of fiduciary duty as a director. This provision and Delaware law provide that the provision does not eliminate or limit liability:

for any breach of the director's duty of loyalty to Devon or its stockholders;

for acts or omissions not in good faith or which involve intentional misconduct or a knowing violation of law;

for unlawful payments of dividends or unlawful stock repurchases or redemptions as provided in Section 174 of the Delaware General Corporation Law; or

for any transaction from which the director derived an improper benefit.

Section 145 of the Delaware General Corporation Law permits indemnification against expenses (including attorneys fees), judgments, fines and amounts paid in settlement actually and reasonably incurred in connection with actions, suits or proceedings in which a director, officer, employee or agent is a party by reason of the fact that he or she is or was such a director, officer, employee or agent, if he or she acted in good faith and in a manner he or she reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of the corporation and with respect to any criminal action or proceeding, had no reasonable cause to believe his or her conduct was unlawful. However, in connection with actions by or in the right of the corporation, such indemnification is not permitted if such person has been adjudged liable to the corporation unless the court determines that, under all of the circumstances, such person is nonetheless fairly and reasonably entitled to indemnify for such expenses as the court deems proper. Article X of Devon's restated certificate of incorporation, as amended, provides for such indemnification.

Section 145 of the Delaware General Corporation Law also permits a corporation to purchase and maintain insurance on behalf of its directors and officers against any liability that may be asserted against, or incurred by, such persons in their capacities as directors or officers of the corporation whether or not the corporation would have the power to indemnify such person against such liabilities under the provisions of such sections. Devon has purchased such insurance.

Section 145 of the Delaware General Corporation Law further provides that the statutory provision is not exclusive of any other right to which those seeking indemnification or advancement of expenses may be entitled under any bylaw, agreement, vote of stockholders or independent directors, or otherwise, both as to action in such person's official capacity and as to action in another capacity while holding such office.

Article XIII of Devon's bylaws contains provisions regarding indemnification that parallel those described above.

**Item 16. Exhibits**

Reference is made to the Exhibit Index included herewith which is incorporated herein by reference.

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**Item 17. *Undertakings***

1. The undersigned Registrant hereby undertakes:

(a) To file, during any period in which offers or sales are being made, a post-effective amendment to this registration statement:

(i) To include any prospectus required by Section 10(a)(3) of the Securities Act of 1933;

(ii) To reflect in the prospectus any facts or events arising after the effective date of the registration statement (or the most recent post-effective amendment thereof) which, individually or in the aggregate, represent a fundamental change in the information set forth in the registration statement. Notwithstanding the foregoing, any increase or decrease in the volume of securities offered (if the total dollar value of securities offered would not exceed that which was registered) and any deviation from the low or high end of the estimated maximum offering range may be reflected in the form of prospectus filed with the Commission pursuant to Rule 424(b) if, in the aggregate, the changes in volume and price represent no more than 20 percent change in the maximum aggregate offering price set forth in the Calculation of Registration Fee table in the effective registration statement; and

(iii) To include any material information with respect to the plan of distribution not previously disclosed in the registration statement or any material change to such information in the registration statement;

provided, however, that paragraphs (a)(i), (a)(ii) and (a)(iii) do not apply if the information required to be included in a post-effective amendment by those paragraphs is contained in periodic reports filed with or furnished to the SEC by the Registrant pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, that are incorporated by reference in the registration statement.

(b) That, for the purpose of determining any liability under the Securities Act of 1933, each such post-effective amendment shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof; and

(c) To remove from registration by means of a post-effective amendment any of the securities being registered which remain unsold at the termination of the offering.

2. The undersigned Registrant hereby undertakes that, for purposes of determining liability under the Securities Act of 1933 to any purchaser:

(a) Each prospectus filed by the Registrant pursuant to Rule 424(b)(3) shall be deemed to be part of the registration statement as of the date the filed prospectus was deemed part of and included in the registration statement; and

(b) Each prospectus required to be filed pursuant to Rule 424(b)(2), (b)(5) or (b)(7) as part of a registration statement in reliance on Rule 430B relating to an offering made pursuant to Rule 415(a)(1)(i), (vii) or (x) for the purpose of providing the information required by Section 10(a) of the Securities Act of 1933 shall be deemed to be part of and included in the registration statement as of the earlier of the date such form of prospectus is first used after effectiveness or the date of the first contract of sale of securities in the offering described in the prospectus. As provided in Rule 430B, for liability purposes of the issuer and any person that is at that date an underwriter, such date shall be deemed to be a new effective date of the registration statement relating to the securities in the registration statement to which that prospectus relates, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof. Provided, however, that no statement made in a registration statement or prospectus that is part of the registration statement or made in a document incorporated or deemed incorporated by reference into



the registration statement or prospectus that is part of the registration statement will, as to a purchaser with a time of contract of sale prior to such effective date, supersede or modify any statement that was made in the registration statement or prospectus that was part of the registration statement or made in any such document immediately prior to such effective date.

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3. The undersigned Registrant hereby undertakes that, for the purpose of determining liability of the Registrant under the Securities Act of 1933 to any purchaser in the initial distribution of the securities, the Registrant undertakes that in a primary offering of securities of the Registrant pursuant to this registration statement, regardless of the underwriting method used to sell the securities to the purchaser, if the securities are offered or sold to such purchaser by means of any of the following communications, the Registrant will be a seller to the purchaser and will be considered to offer or sell such securities to such purchaser:

(a) Any preliminary prospectus or prospectus of the Registrant relating to the offering required to be filed pursuant to Rule 424;

(b) Any free writing prospectus relating to the offering prepared by or on behalf of the Registrant or used or referred to by the Registrant;

(c) The portion of any other free writing prospectus relating to the offering containing material information about the Registrant or its securities provided by or on behalf of the Registrant; and

(d) Any other communication that is an offer in the offering made by the Registrant to the purchaser.

4. The undersigned Registrant hereby undertakes that, for purposes of determining any liability under the Securities Act of 1933, each filing of Devon's annual report pursuant to Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (and, where applicable, each filing of an employee benefit plan's annual report pursuant to Section 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934) that is incorporated by reference in the registration statement shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof.

5. Insofar as indemnification for liabilities arising under the Securities Act of 1933 may be permitted to directors, officers and controlling persons of the Registrant pursuant to the provisions described under Item 15 above, or otherwise, the Registrant has been advised that in the opinion of the Securities and Exchange Commission such indemnification is against public policy as expressed in the Act and is, therefore, unenforceable. In the event that a claim for indemnification against such liabilities (other than the payment by any Registrant of expenses incurred or paid by a director, officer or controlling person of that Registrant in the successful defense of any action, suit or proceeding) is asserted against a Registrant by such director, officer or controlling person in connection with the securities being registered, that Registrant will, unless in the opinion of its counsel the matter has been settled by controlling precedent, submit to a court of appropriate jurisdiction the question whether such indemnification by it is against public policy as expressed in the Act and will be governed by the final adjudication of such issue.

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**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, Devon Energy Corporation certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form S-3 and has duly caused this registration statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of Oklahoma City, State of Oklahoma on December 4, 2008.

DEVON ENERGY CORPORATION

By: /s/ J. LARRY NICHOLS  
J. Larry Nichols  
*Chairman and Chief Executive Officer*

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS that each person whose signature appears below constitutes and appoints J. Larry Nichols and Lyndon C. Taylor, and each of them, his/her true and lawful attorneys-in-fact and agents, with full power of substitution and resubstitution, for him/her and in his/her name, place and stead, in any and all capacities, to sign any and all amendments to this Form S-3 registration statement, and to file the same, with all exhibits thereto, and all documents in connection therewith, with the Securities and Exchange Commission, granting unto said attorneys-in-fact and agents, and each of them, full power and authority to do and perform each and every act and thing requisite and necessary to be done in and about the premises, as fully and to all intents and purposes as he/she might or could do in person hereby ratifying and confirming that all said attorneys-in-fact and agents, or their substitute or substitutes, may lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue hereof.

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 December 4, 2008.

<b>Signature</b>	<b>Title</b>
/s/ J. LARRY NICHOLS J. Larry Nichols	Chairman of the Board, Chief Executive Officer and Director
/s/ JOHN RICHEL John Richels	President and Director
/s/ DANNY J. HEATLY Danny J. Heatly	Senior Vice President – Accounting and Chief Accounting Officer (principal financial officer)
/s/ THOMAS F. FERGUSON Thomas F. Ferguson	Director
/s/ DAVID A. HAGER David A. Hager	Director

/s/ JOHN A. HILL

Director

John A. Hill

/s/ ROBERT L. HOWARD

Director

Robert L. Howard

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<b>Signature</b>	<b>Title</b>
/s/ MICHAEL M. KANOVSKY Michael M. Kanovsky	Director
/s/ J. TODD MITCHELL J. Todd Mitchell	Director
/s/ MARY P. RICCIARDELLO Mary P. Ricciardello	Director

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**EXHIBIT INDEX**

<b>Exhibit Number</b>	<b>Document</b>
1.1	Form of Underwriting Agreement.*
4.1	Registrant's Restated Certificate of Incorporation (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.1 to Registrant's Form 10-K filed on March 9, 2005).
4.2	Registrant's Certificate of Amendment of Restated Certificate of Incorporation (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.1 to Registrant's Form 10-Q filed on August 7, 2008).
4.3	Registrant's Bylaws (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.2 to Registrant's Form 10-K filed on March 3, 2006).
4.4	Form of Common Stock Certificate.
4.5	Rights Agreement dated as of August 17, 1999 between Devon and BankBoston, N.A. (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.2 to Devon's Form 8-K filed on August 18, 1999).
4.6	Amendment to Rights Agreement dated as of May 25, 2000 between Registrant and Fleet National Bank (f/k/a BankBoston, N.A.) (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.2 to Devon's Form S-4 filed on June 22, 2000, File No. 333-39908).
4.7	Amendment to Rights Agreement, dated October 4, 2001, between Devon and Fleet National Bank (f/k/a BankBoston, N.A.) (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 99.1 to Devon's Form 8-K filed on October 11, 2001).
4.8	Amendment to Rights Agreement, dated September 13, 2002, between Devon and Wachovia Bank, N.A. (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.9 to Registrant's Registration Statement on Form S-3 File Nos. 333-83156, 333-83156-1 and 333-83156-2 as filed on October 4, 2002).
4.9	Amendment to Rights Agreement, dated as of August 1, 2006, by and between Devon and Computershare Trust Company, N.A. (formerly UMB Bank, n.a.) (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.4 to Registrant's Form 10-Q filed August 4, 2006).
4.10	Each form of preferred securities certificate designation will be filed as an exhibit to a current report of Devon and incorporated in this Registration Statement by reference.*
4.11	Indenture relating to senior debt securities of Devon (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.1 to Devon's Form 8-K filed on April 9, 2002).
4.12	Form of Indenture relating to subordinated debt securities of Devon.
4.13	Form of Senior Debt Security of Devon*
4.14	Form of Subordinated Debt Security of Devon*
5.1	Opinion of Mayer Brown LLP.
12.1	Statement of computations of ratios of earnings to fixed charges and to combined fixed charges and preferred stock dividends.
23.1	Consent of LaRoche Petroleum Consultants, Ltd.
23.2	Consent of AJM Petroleum Consultants
23.3	Consent of Ryder Scott Company, L.P.
23.4	Consent of Mayer Brown LLP (contained in opinion in Exhibit 5.1).
23.5	Consent of KPMG LLP.
24.1	Power of Attorney (included in signature pages of the Registration Statement).
25.1	Form T-1 Statement of Eligibility of Trustee under Indenture relating to senior debt securities of Devon.
25.2	Form T-1 Statement of Eligibility of Trustee under Indenture relating to subordinated debt securities of Devon.

- \* To be filed by amendment to this registration statement or as an exhibit to a current report of Devon which is incorporated in this registration statement by reference.