SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

Amendment No. 4 to

SCHEDULE TO

(Rule 14d-100)

Tender Offer Statement Pursuant to Section 14(d)(1) or 13(e)(1)

of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Nuevo Energy Company

(Name of Subject Company (Issuer))

Nuevo Energy Company

(Name of Filing Person (Issuer))

Options to Purchase Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share

Restricted Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share

(Title of Class of Securities)

670509108

(CUSIP Number of Class of Securities)

(Underlying Common Stock)

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" amendment to Schedule 13D under Rule 13d-2.

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This Amendment is the final amendment to the Tender Offer Statement on Schedule TO originally filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on March 12, 2004, as amended by Amendment No. 1 filed April 12, 2004, Amendment No. 2 filed April 15, 2004 and Amendment No. 3 filed May 13, 2004, by Nuevo Energy Company, a Delaware corporation (Nuevo), relating to the offer by Nuevo (the Offer) to purchase all outstanding options to acquire Nuevo common stock, vested and unvested (the Options).

Item 8. Interest in Securities of the Subject Company

Item 8 is hereby amended by adding thereto the following:

The Offer expired at 12:00 p.m., Houston, Texas time on Friday, May 14, 2004 and was not extended. A total of 924,583 Options were validly tendered and not withdrawn. These Options represent approximately 73.5% of all outstanding Options.

SIGNATURES

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

Dated: May 14, 2004 NUEVO ENERGY COMPANY

By: /s/ Michael S. Wilkes

Michael S. Wilkes

Chief Financial Officer

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