

NUEVO ENERGY CO  
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FIRST PROSPECTUS SUPPLEMENT TO PROSPECTUS DATED NOVEMBER 15, 2002

NUEVO ENERGY COMPANY

1,969,580 Shares of Common Stock

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This first prospectus supplement supplements our prospectus dated November 22, 2002 relating to the public offering, which is not being underwritten, of up to 1,969,580 shares of our common stock, which may be offered and sold from time to time by certain of our stockholders or by pledgees, donees, transferees or other successors in interest that receive such shares as a gift, partnership distribution or other non-sale related transfer. We will receive no part of the proceeds of such sales. Subsequent to the filing of the prospectus, 73,521 shares of our common stock were distributed from escrow to Yorktown Energy Partners III, L.P. and 30,884 share were distributed from escrow to Yorktown Energy Partners IV, L.P. bringing the total shares held by each of entity to 1,245,149 and 523,046, respectively. The "Selling Stockholders" section of our prospectus is hereby supplemented to reflect the distribution by Yorktown Energy Partners III, L.P. of 1,245,149 shares of our common stock and the distribution by Yorktown Energy Partners IV, L.P. of 495,822 shares of our common stock. This first prospectus supplement should be read in conjunction with our prospectus and this first prospectus supplement is qualified by reference to our prospectus except to the extent that the information herein contained supersedes the information contained in such prospectus.

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The date of this first prospectus supplement is July 16, 2003.

SELLING STOCKHOLDERS

All shares of our common stock beneficially owned by Yorktown Energy Partners III, L.P. and reflected in our prospectus were distributed to its limited partners on July 15, 2003. All except 27,224 shares of our common stock beneficially owned by Yorktown Energy Partners IV, L.P. and reflected in our prospectus were distributed to its limited partners on July 15, 2003. The table of selling stockholders in our prospectus is hereby amended to reflect such distributions and supplemented to specifically include the entities and individuals who received such distributions. The following table sets forth as of July 15, 2003, the name of each of the entities and individuals who received shares of our common stock through the distributions by Yorktown Energy Partners III, L.P. and Yorktown Energy Partners IV, L.P. who were not specifically

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identified in our prospectus as selling stockholders, the number of shares of our common stock that each such selling stockholder beneficially owns as of such date, the number of shares of our common stock beneficially owned by each such selling stockholder that may be offered for sale from time to time by our prospectus and this first prospectus supplement, and the number and percentage of shares of our common stock to be beneficially owned by each such selling stockholder assuming the sale of all of the shares of such common stock offered by such selling stockholders. Except as indicated, none of such selling stockholders has held any position or office or had a material relationship with us or any of our affiliates within the past three years other than as a result of the ownership of our common stock.

Except as set forth in this first prospectus supplement, there is no change to the section entitled "Selling Stockholders" in our prospectus. We may amend or supplement our prospectus and this first prospectus from time to time to update the disclosures set forth therein and herein.

Name of Selling Stockholder	Number of Shares Beneficially Owned Prior to Offering	Number of Shares Being Offered (1)	Number of Shares Owned After Offering
Howard Hughes Medical Institute	195,396	195,396	0
Yale University	184,031	184,031	0
Yorktown III Company LLC	117,976	117,976	0
The Board of Trustees of the Leland Stanford Junior University	115,236	115,236	0
City & County of San Francisco Employees' Retirement System	92,692	92,692	0
Andrew W. Mellon Foundation	86,426	86,426	0
EEP Gas Partners, L.P.	67,631	67,631	0
The Regents of the University of Michigan	51,352	51,352	0
Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Company	48,600	48,600	0
The Travelers Insurance Company	46,217	46,217	0
Moussescapade, L.P.	45,087	45,087	0
The Trustees of Cheyne Walk Trust	43,429	43,429	0
Endowment Energy Partners IV, L.P.	43,180	43,180	0
Travelers Casualty & Surety Company	39,676	39,676	0
General Mills Group Trust	36,937	36,937	0
Jackson National Life Insurance Co.	28,808	28,808	0
Field Venture Partners	25,676	25,676	0
BancBoston Investments, Inc.	25,676	25,676	0
The Wellcome Trust Limited, as Trustee of the Wellcome Trust	25,061	25,061	0
Harvard Management Private Equity Corporation	22,554	22,554	0
Hill & Co.	22,543	22,543	0
Naftinvest Limited	22,543	22,543	0
TIFF Partners I, LLC	22,543	22,543	0
WLD Partners, Ltd.	22,543	22,543	0
Venture Investments Associates II, L.P.	20,289	20,289	0
Yale University Retirement Plan for Staff Employees	17,150	17,150	0
Emory University	15,663	15,663	0

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Northwestern University	15,663	15,663	0
Brown University	15,282	15,282	0
The Trustees of Ronald Family Trust B	14,476	14,476	0
Pantheon USA Fund III Limited	13,629	13,629	0
Pantheon International Participations PLC	13,526	13,526	0
Hexagon Investments, LLC	12,531	12,531	0
Venture Investment Associates III, L.P.	12,530	12,530	0
Thorndale Yorktown, L.L.C.	11,277	11,277	0
KRESGE Foundation	10,651	10,651	0
The Trustees of Hamilton College	9,398	9,398	0
University of Wisconsin Foundation	9,398	9,398	0
Mass Mutual High Yield Partners LLC	9,017	9,017	0
Bryan H. Lawrence	8,142	8,142	0
Father Flanagan's Trust Fund	7,518	7,518	0
Yorktown IV Company LLC	7,327	7,327	0
LJH Partners, LP	6,265	6,265	0
Frank Russell Trust Co. as Trustee for Roche Retirement Plans' Master Trust	6,265	6,265	0
Smith College	6,265	6,265	0
TIFF Partners III	6,265	6,265	0
Travelers Indemnity Company	6,265	6,265	0
Nortrust Nominees fbo Unilever Pension Fund Trustees Ltd. as Trustee of Unilever Pension Fund	6,265	6,265	0
The Washington University	6,265	6,265	0
WLD Equity Partners 1999, Limited Partnership	6,265	6,265	0
The Phoenix Insurance Company	5,410	5,410	0
Pantheon USA Fund III, L.P.	5,167	5,167	0
The Travelers Life and Annuity Company	5,136	5,136	0
Keswick Private Fund II, LLC	4,509	4,509	0
CIBC Capital Corporation	3,133	3,133	0
Harvard Master Trust	2,506	2,506	0
Yale University Retiree Health Benefits Coverage Trust	1,253	1,253	0
Keswick Private Fund III, LLC	1,253	1,253	0
Regenstrief Foundation, Inc.	1,253	1,253	0
Reiman Charitable Foundation, Inc.	1,253	1,253	0
Frederick R. Mayer	1,128	1,128	0
KL Partners LLC	1,127	1,127	0
Wells Fargo as Trustee for Father Flanagan's Boys' Home Pension Master Trust	940	940	0
JFM Foundation	627	627	0
W. Howard Keenan, Jr.	313	313	0
Peter A. Leidel	313	313	0
Anthony R. Mayer	125	125	0
Tomas R. LaCosta	125	125	0

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\* Less than 1%

- (1) Registration of the shares of common stock does not mean that all or any portion and these shares will be offered or sold by the selling stockholders pursuant to this first prospectus.