

NEWFIELD EXPLORATION CO /DE/

Form 8-K

September 26, 2006

**UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 OR 15(d) of The Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): September 26, 2006

NEWFIELD EXPLORATION COMPANY
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)

1-12534
(Commission File Number)

72-1133047
(I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)

363 N. Sam Houston Parkway E., Suite 2020
Houston, Texas 77060
(Address of principal executive offices)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (281) 847-6000

Not Applicable
(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

- o Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR

230.425)

- o Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
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 - o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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Item 8.01 Other Events

On September 26, 2006, Newfield Exploration Company and MarkWest Energy Partners, L.P. issued a joint press release announcing the signing of an agreement providing for MarkWest to construct and operate gathering pipelines and related facilities associated with the development of Newfield's Woodford Shale Play in the Arkoma Basin of southeastern Oklahoma. In the press release, Newfield also provided an update on its Woodford Shale Play and discussed future drilling plans for and expected production from the play. A copy of the press release is furnished herewith as Exhibit 99.1.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

(d) Exhibits

- 99.1 Joint press release issued by Newfield Exploration Company and MarkWest Energy Partners, L.P. on September 26, 2006.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this Form 8-K to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

NEWFIELD EXPLORATION COMPANY

Date: September 26, 2006

By: /s/ BRIAN L. RICKMERS
Brian L. Rickmers
Controller

Exhibit Index

Exhibit No.	Description
99.1	<u>Joint press release issued by Newfield Exploration Company and MarkWest Energy Partners, L.P. on September 26, 2006.</u>