

NEWFIELD EXPLORATION CO /DE/  
Form 8-K  
December 22, 2008

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

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FORM 8-K

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CURRENT REPORT  
Pursuant to Section 13 OR 15(d) of the  
Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): December 21, 2008

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

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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)

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the registrant under any of the following provisions:

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- o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))



Item 8.01 Other Events

On December 21, 2008, Newfield Exploration Company (“Newfield”) terminated its crude oil sales contract with Big West Oil Co. LLC, a subsidiary of Flying J Inc., for deliveries of black wax production from Newfield’s Monument Butte oil field in the Uinta Basin of the Rockies. A copy of the press release, which includes updated production guidance, is filed herewith as Exhibit 99.1.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

(d) Exhibits

99.1

Press Release issued by Newfield on December 22, 2008

SIGNATURES

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

NEWFIELD EXPLORATION COMPANY

Date: December 22, 2008

By: /s/ Terry W. Rathert  
Terry W. Rathert  
Senior Vice President and  
Chief Financial Officer

Exhibit Index

| Exhibit<br>No. | Description   |
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| 99.1           | Press Release issued by Newfield on December 22, 2008 |