## 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): May 2, 2003

### THE AES CORPORATION

(exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**DELAWARE** (State of Incorporation)

333-15487 (Commission File No.) 1001 North 19th Street, 20th Floor Arlington, Virginia 22209 **54-1163725** (IRS Employer Identification No.)

(Address of principal executive offices, including zip code)

Registrant s telephone number, including area code: (703) 522-1315

#### NOT APPLICABLE

(Former Name or Former Address, if changed since last report)

Item 5. Other Events.

On May 1, 2003, The AES Corporation issued the press release attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this report and incorporated by reference.

#### **SIGNATURES**

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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.

THE AES CORPORATION

Date: May 2, 2003 By: /s/ Vincent W. Mathis

Name: Vincent W. Mathis Title: Assistant General Counsel

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99.1 Press Release dated May 1, 2003.