

NEWFIELD EXPLORATION CO /DE/  
Form 8-K  
December 29, 2008

**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): December 23, 2008**

**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:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
  - 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 December 23, 2008, Newfield Exploration Company ( Newfield ) signed an interim agreement to resume oil sales 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 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 24, 2008

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**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 26, 2008

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

**Exhibit Index**

**Exhibit No. Description**

99.1 Press Release issued by Newfield on December 24, 2008