

EQUITABLE RESOURCES INC /PA/

Form 8-K

October 17, 2003

**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) **October 17, 2003**

EQUITABLE RESOURCES, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

PENNSYLVANIA

(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation)

1-3551

(Commission
File Number)

25-0464690

(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

One Oxford Centre, Suite 3300, 301 Grant Street, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15219

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code **(412) 553-5700**

NONE

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

Item 12. Results of Operations and Financial Condition

Today, Equitable Resources, Inc. (Equitable) issued a press release announcing its third quarter 2003 earnings. A copy of Equitable s press release is attached hereto and furnished as an Exhibit 99 and is incorporated in this report by reference.

The information in this Form 8-K and in Exhibit 99 attached hereto shall not be deemed "filed" for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, nor shall it be deemed incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933.

In addition to reporting financial results in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, or GAAP, Equitable provides certain segment related non-GAAP financial information in the press release as additional information for its operating results. Equitable's management believes that this presentation of information provides useful information to management and investors regarding the financial condition, operations and trends of each of Equitable's segments without being obscured by the financial condition, operations and trends for the other segments or by the effects of corporate allocations of interest and income taxes. In addition, management uses these measures for budget planning purposes.

SIGNATURE

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.

EQUITABLE RESOURCES, INC.
(Registrant)

By /s/ David L. Porges
David L. Porges
Executive Vice President and
Chief Financial Officer

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EXHIBIT INDEX

| Exhibit No. | Document Description |
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| 99 | Press release dated October 17, 2003 issued by Equitable Resources, Inc. |