NEWFIELD EXPLORATION CO /DE/ Form 8-K October 15, 2007

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 15, 2007

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)

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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))

Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Principal Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Principal Officers

On October 15, 2007, Newfield Exploration Company issued a press release announcing the passing of David F. Schaible, Newfield's President and Chief Operating Officer and a member of its Board of Directors. 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 Exploration Company on October 15, 2007.

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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: October 15, 2007 By: /s/ TERRY W. RATHERT

Terry W. Rathert

Senior Vice President and Chief

Financial Officer

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Exhibit No. Description

99.1 <u>Press release issued by Newfield Exploration Company on October 15, 2007.</u>