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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(D) OF THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

Date of report: (date of earliest event reported)
March 5, 2009 (February 28, 2009)

Blue Dolphin Energy Company (Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware 0-15905 73-1268729 (State or other jurisdiction of (Commission file number) (I.R.S. Employer Incorporation or organization) Identification No.)

801 Travis Street, Suite 2100, Houston, Texas 77002 (Address of principal executive offices)

(713) 568-4725 (Issuer's telephone number)

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ITEM 5.02 DEPARTURE OF DIRECTORS OR CERTAIN OFFICERS; ELECTION OF DIRECTORS; APPOINTMENT OF CERTAIN OFFICERS; COMPENSATORY

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ARRANGEMENTS OF CERTAIN OFFICERS.

To achieve certain cost reductions, effective February 28, 2009, Mr. William J. Dale's employment with Blue Dolphin Energy Company was terminated. Mr. Dale served as Principal Financial Officer and held the positions of Chief Financial Officer, Treasurer and Secretary.

Also effective February 28, 2009, the Board of Directors of Blue Dolphin Energy Company appointed Mr. T. Scott Howard, currently Blue Dolphin's Principal Accounting Officer, Assistant Treasurer and Assistant Secretary, to additionally serve as the Company's Principal Financial Officer and Treasurer, and Mr. Thomas Heath, currently Executive Vice President of the Company to serve as Secretary. The position of Chief Financial Officer will not be filled at this time.

SIGNATURE

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

Date: March 5, 2009

BLUE DOLPHIN ENERGY COMPANY

/s/ Michael J. Jacobson

By: Michael J. Jacobson

President