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): September 6, 2002

THE AES CORPORATION

(exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

DELAWARE (State of Incorporation)

333-15487

54-1163725

(Commission File No.)

(IRS Employer Identification No.)

1001 North 19th Street, Suite 2000 Arlington, Virginia 22209 (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 September 6, 2002, The AES Corporation (the "registrant") issued the press release attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this report and incorporated herein by reference.

2

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.

THE AES CORPORATION

By: /s/ William Luraschi

Name: William Luraschi
Title: Senior Vice President
and General Counsel

Date: September 6, 2002

3