

PIONEER NATURAL RESOURCES CO  
Form 425  
September 28, 2004

**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): **September 27, 2004**

**EVERGREEN RESOURCES, INC.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Colorado**  
(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

**0-13171**  
(Commission File Number)

**84-0834147**  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

**1401 17th Street, Suite 1200**  
**Denver, Colorado**  
(Address of principal executive offices)

**80202**  
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(303) 298-8100**

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 (*see* General Instruction A.2):

- ý Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
  
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  - o 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 September 27, 2004, Evergreen Resources, Inc. issued a press release announcing the sale of its Kansas assets to Heartland Oil and Gas Corporation for gross proceeds of \$22 million in cash. The press release is filed as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report and incorporated by reference herein.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(c) Exhibits

99.1 Press release dated September 27, 2004.

**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.

EVERGREEN RESOURCES, INC.

By: */s/ Kevin R. Collins*  
Kevin R. Collins  
Executive Vice President - Finance  
Chief Financial Officer, Secretary and Treasurer

Date: September 27, 2004

**EXHIBIT INDEX**

<b>No.</b>	<b>Description</b>
99.1	Press release dated September 27, 2004.