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4 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

Delaware

5 SOLE VOTING POWER
NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH

None

6 SHARED VOTING POWER

None

7 SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

None

8 SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

None

9 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

None

10 CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES
(see Instructions)

Not Applicable

11 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9)

0.0%

12 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON
(see Instructions)

IA

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1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSON
S.S. or I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSON

Artisan Investment Corporation

2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP
(see Instructions)

(a) []

Not Applicable

(b) []

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Wisconsin

5 SOLE VOTING POWER
NUMBER OF SHARES
None

6 SHARED VOTING POWER
BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY
None

7 SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER
EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH
None

8 SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER
None

9 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON
None

10 CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES
(see Instructions)
Not Applicable

11 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9)
0.0%

12 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON
(see Instructions)
CO

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1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSON
S.S. or I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSON
Andrew A. Ziegler

2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP
(see Instructions) (a) []
Not Applicable (b) []

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5 SOLE VOTING POWER
NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH
None

6 SHARED VOTING POWER
None

7 SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER
None

8 SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER
None

9 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON
None

10 CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES
(see Instructions)
Not Applicable

11 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9)
0.0%

12 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON
(see Instructions)
IN

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1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSON
S.S. or I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSON
Carlene Murphy Ziegler

2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP
(see Instructions) (a) []
Not Applicable (b) []

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5 SOLE VOTING POWER
NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH
None

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SHARES	6	SHARED VOTING POWER
BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH		None
	7	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER
		None
	8	SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER
		None
9	AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON	
	None	
10	CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES (see Instructions)	
	Not Applicable	
11	PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9)	
	0.0%	
12	TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON (see Instructions)	
	IN	

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- Item 1(a) Name of Issuer:
 Nuevo Energy Company
- Item 1(b) Address of Issuer's Principal Executive Offices:
 1021 Main
 Suite 2100
 Houston, Texas 77002
- Item 2(a) Name of Person Filing:
 Artisan Partners Limited Partnership ("Artisan Partners")
 Artisan Investment Corporation, the general partner of
 Artisan Partners ("Artisan Corp.")
 Andrew A. Ziegler
 Carlene Murphy Ziegler
- Item 2(b) Address of Principal Business Office:
 Artisan Partners, Artisan Corp., Mr. Ziegler and Ms. Ziegler are all located at:
 875 East Wisconsin Avenue, Suite 800
 Milwaukee, WI 53202

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- Item 2(c) Citizenship:
- Artisan Partners is a Delaware limited partnership
Artisan Corp. is a Wisconsin corporation
Mr. Ziegler and Ms. Ziegler are U.S. citizens
- Item 2(d) Title of Class of Securities:
- Common Stock
- Item 2(e) CUSIP Number:
- 670509108
- Item 3 Type of Person:
- (e) Artisan Partners is an investment adviser registered under section 203 of the Investment Advisers Act of 1940; Artisan Corp. is the General Partner of Artisan Partners; Mr. Ziegler and Ms. Ziegler are the principal stockholders of Artisan Corp.

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- Item 4 Ownership (at December 31, 2004):
- (a) Amount owned "beneficially" within the meaning of rule 13d-3:
- None
- (b) Percent of class:
- 0.0% (based on 20,407,599 shares outstanding as of April 30, 2004)
- (c) Number of shares as to which such person has:
- (i) sole power to vote or to direct the vote: None
- (ii) shared power to vote or to direct the vote: None
- (iii) sole power to dispose or to direct the disposition of: None
- (iv) shared power to dispose or to direct disposition of: None

- Item 5 Ownership of Five Percent or Less of a Class:
- If this statement is being filed to report the fact that as of the date hereof the reporting person has ceased to be the beneficial owner of more than five percent of the class of securities, check the following [X].

- Item 6 Ownership of More than Five Percent on Behalf of Another Person:
- Not Applicable

- Item 7 Identification and Classification of the Subsidiary Which

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Acquired the Security Being Reported on by the Parent Holding Company or Control Person:

Not Applicable

Item 8 Identification and Classification of Members of the Group:

Not Applicable

Item 9 Notice of Dissolution of Group:

Not Applicable

Item 10 Certification:

By signing below I certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the securities referred to above were acquired and are held in the ordinary course of business and were not acquired and are not held for the purpose of or with the effect of changing or influencing the control of the issuer of the securities and were not acquired and are not held in connection with or as a participant in any transaction having that purpose or effect.

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Signature

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

Date: January 26, 2005

ARTISAN INVESTMENT CORPORATION
for itself and as general partner of
ARTISAN PARTNERS LIMITED PARTNERSHIP

By: Lawrence A. Totsky*

ANDREW A. ZIEGLER

Andrew A. Ziegler*

CARLENE MURPHY ZIEGLER

Carlene Murphy Ziegler*

*By: /s/ Lawrence A. Totsky

Lawrence A. Totsky
Chief Financial Officer of Artisan
Investment Corporation
Attorney-in-Fact for Andrew A.
Ziegler
Attorney-in-Fact for Carlene Murphy
Ziegler

Exhibit Index

- Exhibit 1 Joint Filing Agreement dated as of January 26, 2005 by and among Artisan Partners Limited Partnership, Artisan Investment Corporation, Andrew A. Ziegler, and Carlene Murphy Ziegler
- Exhibit 2 Power of Attorney of Andrew A. Ziegler dated as of April 2, 2002
- Exhibit 3 Power of Attorney of Carlene M. Ziegler dated as of April 2, 2002