

EDISON MISSION ENERGY  
Form 8-K  
May 07, 2003

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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): May 7, 2003

EDISON MISSION ENERGY  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

DELAWARE  
(State or principal jurisdiction of  
incorporation or organization)

000-24890  
(Commission file  
number)

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(I.R.S.  
identific

18101 Von Karman Avenue  
Irvine, California 92612  
(Address of principal executive offices, including zip code)

949-752-5588  
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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Items 1 through 6, 8, 10, and 11 are not included because they are inapplicable.

**Item 7. Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

- (a) Not applicable
- (b) Not applicable

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(c) Exhibits

99.1 Press release about first quarter 2003 financial results--Part I.

99.2 Press release about first quarter 2003 financial results--Part II.

Item 9. Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

On May 7, 2003, Edison International, the ultimate parent company of Edison Mission Energy, released information about Edison Mission Energy's financial results for the first quarter of 2003. Copies of the press releases are attached as Exhibits 99.1 and 99.2. This information is pursuant to Item 12 of Form 8-K, as amended by Release No. 34-47226. In accordance with Release No. 34-47226, this information is furnished under Item 9.

Reporting of 2002 Change in Accounting -

Effective January 1, 2002, Edison Mission Energy adopted Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 142, "Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets." SFAS No. 142 establishes accounting and reporting requirements requiring goodwill not to be amortized but rather tested for impairment at least annually at the reporting unit level. During the third quarter of 2002, EME concluded that fair value of the goodwill related to the Power LLC acquisition was impaired by \$14 million, net of \$9 million of income tax benefit and, accordingly, reported this amount as a cumulative change in accounting. In accordance with SFAS No. 3, "Reporting Changes in Interim Financial Statements", Edison Mission Energy's financial statements for the first quarter of 2002 were restated to reflect the accounting change as of January 1, 2002.

Edison International did not report the goodwill impairment charge discussed above as a change in accounting based on the immaterial amount of the charge in relation to its consolidated financial statements. Instead, Edison International reported the goodwill impairment charge as part of continuing operations during the third quarter ended September 30, 2002. The following table reconciles the goodwill impairment charge as reported by Edison Mission Energy for the first quarter of 2002 in its Annual Report on Form 10-K to the goodwill impairment charge reported by Edison International in its press release for the same prior period as reflected in the Edison International press release.

	<u>Three Months Ended March 2002</u>	
	(in millions)	
	<u>EME</u>	<u>Reporting</u>
	<u>Results</u>	<u>Adjustment</u>
Loss from Continuing Operations	(41)	
Income from Operations of Discontinued Foreign Subsidiaries		
Discontinued Foreign Subsidiaries Net of Tax	5	
Loss before Accounting Change	(36)	
Cumulative Change in Accounting, Net of Tax	(14)	14
Net Loss	(50)	14

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 thereunto duly authorized.

Edison Mission Energy  
(Registrant)

Date: May 7, 2003  
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/s/ Kevin M. Smith  
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KEVIN M. SMITH  
Senior Vice President, Chief Financial  
and Treasurer