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Form NT 10-Q
August 16, 2004

UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

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FORM 12b-25

NOTIFICATION OF LATE FILING

(Check One): Form 10-K Form 20-F Form 10-Q Form N-SAR
 Form N-CSR

For Period Ended: June 30, 2004

- Transition Report on Form 10-K
- Transition Report on Form 20-F
- Transition Report on Form 11-K
- Transition Report on Form 10-Q
- Transition Report on Form N-SAR

For the Transition Period Ended: _____

Read attached instruction sheet before preparing form. Please print or type.

Nothing in this form shall be construed to imply that the Commission has verified any information contained herein.

If the notification relates to a portion of the filing checked above, identify the Item(s) to which the notification relates: _____

PART I - REGISTRANT INFORMATION

Blue Dolphin Energy Company

Full name of registrant

Former name if applicable

801 Travis, Suite 2100

Address of principal executive office (Street and number)

Houston, Texas 77002

City, state and zip code

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PART II - RULE 12b-25(b) AND (c)

If the subject report could not be filed without unreasonable effort or expense and the registrant seeks relief pursuant to Rule 12b-25(b), the following should be completed. (Check box if appropriate.)

- (a) The reasons described in reasonable detail in Part III of this form could not be eliminated without unreasonable effort or expense;
- (b) The subject annual report, semi-annual report, transition report on Form 10-K, 20-F, 11-K or Form N-SAR, or portion thereof will be filed on or before the 15th calendar day following the prescribed due date; or the subject quarterly report or transition report on Form 10-Q, or portion thereof will be filed on or before the fifth calendar day following the prescribed due date; and
- (c) The accountant's statement or other exhibit required by Rule 12b-25(c) has been attached if applicable.

PART III
NARRATIVE

State below in reasonable detail why the Form 10-K, Form 20-F, Form 11-K, Form N-SAR or Form N-CSR the transition report portion thereof could not be filed within the prescribed time period. (Attach extra sheets if needed.)

Registrant was unable to file the Form 10-QSB for the quarter ended June 30, 2004, within the prescribed time limit due to limited staff as a result of staff reductions recently implemented.

PART IV - OTHER INFORMATION

(1) Name and telephone number of person to contact in regard to this notification

G. Brian Lloyd	(713)	227-7660

(Name)	(Area Code)	(Telephone Number)

(2) Have all other periodic reports required under Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30 of the Investment Company Act of 1940 during the preceding 12 months or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such report(s) been filed? If the answer is no, identify report(s).

Yes No

(3) Is it anticipated that any significant change in results of operations from the corresponding period for the last fiscal year will be reflected by the earnings statements to be included in the subject report or portion thereof?

Yes No

If so: attach an explanation of the anticipated change, both narratively

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and quantitatively, and, if appropriate, state the reasons why a reasonable estimate of the results cannot be made.

The Registrant currently expects to report a net loss of approximately \$823,000 on revenues of approximately \$346,000 for the quarter ended June 30, 2004, compared to net income of \$470,576 on revenues of \$1,001,942 for the quarter ended June 30, 2003. The decrease in second quarter 2004 results was due to lower oil and gas sales revenues of approximately \$600,000 and other expense of approximately \$200,000 associated with a proposed financing transaction that was subsequently terminated in July 2004. Also, June 30, 2003 quarterly results included a gain of approximately \$300,000 recorded from a reduction to the Company's provision for abandonment costs.

Blue Dolphin Energy Company

(Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

Has caused this notification to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

Date August 16, 2004

By /s/ G. Brian Lloyd

G. Brian Lloyd
Vice President, Treasurer