

BETA OIL & GAS INC  
Form 8-K  
March 10, 2003

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## SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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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):

MARCH 5, 2003

### BETA OIL & GAS, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Nevada  
(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation or organization)

333-68381  
(Commission File Number)

86-0876964  
(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

6120 S. Yale, Suite 813, Tulsa, OK  
(Address of principal executive offices)

74136  
(Zip Code)

(918) 495-1011

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(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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**Item 5. OTHER EVENTS.**

On March 5, 2003, the Company announced its financial results for the year ended and the three months ended December 31, 2002. These results included a fourth quarter non-cash, full cost ceiling impairment charge primarily due to a reclassification of the estimated oil and gas reserves attributable to the Company's Jackson County, Texas properties. A copy of the press release announcing these results is included as an exhibit to this report and incorporated herein by reference.

**Item 7. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS**

99.1 Press Release dated March 5, 2003.

**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 who is duly authorized.

BETA OIL & GAS, INC.

Date: March 7, 2003

By:

/s/ Joseph L. Burnett

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Joseph L. Burnett

Chief Financial Officer and

Principal Accounting Officer