COMSTOCK RESOURCES INC Form 8-K February 17, 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): February 17, 2004

COMSTOCK RESOURCES, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

NEVADA 000-16741 94-1667468

(State or other (Commission of File Number) (I.R.S. Employer jurisdiction incorporation) Identification Number

5300 Town And Country Boulevard Suite 500 Frisco, Texas 75034 (Address of principal executive offices)

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972-668-8800 (Registrant s Telephone No.)

Item 7. Financial Statements, Pro Forma Financial Information and Exhibits.

(c) Exhibits.

The following Exhibits are hereby filed as part of this Current Report on Form 8-K:

Exhibit 99.1 Press Release dated February 17, 2004 regarding the Registrant s financial and operating results for the three months and fiscal year ended December 31, 2003.

Item 12. Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

The information in this Form 8-K and the Exhibit attached hereto shall not be deemed filed for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Act of 1934, nor shall it be deemed incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, except as shall be expressly set forth by specific reference in such filing.

On February 17, 2004, Comstock Resources, Inc. (Comstock) announced financial results for the three months and fiscal year ended December 31, 2003. A copy of the press release announcing Comstock s earnings results for three months and twelve months ended December 31, 2003 is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

The earnings press release contains financial measures that are not in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles in the United States (GAAP). Comstock has provided reconciliations within the earnings release of the non-GAAP financial measures to the most directly comparable GAAP financial measures. Operating cash flow is presented in the earnings release because management believes it to be useful to investors. EBITDAX is presented in the earnings release because management believes that EBITDAX, which represents Comstock s results from operations before interest, income taxes, and certain non-cash items, including depreciation, depletion and amortization and exploration expense, is a common alternative measure of operating performance used by certain investors and financial analysts. The non-GAAP financial measures described above should be considered in addition to, but not as a substitute for, measures of financial performance prepared in accordance with GAAP that are presented in the earnings release.

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 hereunto duly authorized.

Dated: February 17, 2004

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By:/s/ M. Jay Allison

M. JAY ALLISON

President and Chief Executive Officer

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