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CH ENERGY GROUP INC Form 8-K January 30, 2004

UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or Section 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report - January 30, 2004

CH ENERGY GROUP, INC.

-----(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

NEW YORK 0-30512 14-1804460 State or other (Commission File Number) _____ (IRS Employer jurisdiction of Identification incorporation) Number) 12601-4879 284 South Avenue, Poughkeepsie, New York _____ _____ (Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code (845) 452-2000

Item 5. Other Events

1. Announcement of Succession Plan. Registrant, on January 30, 2004,

announced an executive succession plan and the appointment, effective April 27, 2004, of Steven V. Lant as Chairman of the Board to succeed Paul J. Ganci, who will be retiring as Chairman of the Board following the Annual Meeting of Shareholders on April 27, 2004. Mr. Lant will retain his current position as President and CEO.

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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.

CH ENERGY GROUP, INC. (Registrant)

By: /s/ Donna S. Doyle

DONNA S. DOYLE

Vice President - Accounting and Controller

Dated: January 30, 2004