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CUSIP No. 726540503

SCHEDULE 13D

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RULE 13d-2(a)**

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934*

Plains Resources Inc.

(Name of Issuer)

Common Stock, par value \$0.10 per share

(Title of Class of Securities)

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(CUSIP Number)

Paul G. Allen

Vulcan Energy Corporation

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James C. Flores

Plains Resources Inc.

700 Milam, Suite 3100

Houston, Texas 77002

(832) 239-6000

John T. Raymond

Plains Resources Inc.

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(Name, Address and Telephone Number of Person(s) Authorized to Receive Notices and Communications)

November 19, 2003

(Date of Event which Requires Filing of this Statement)

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1. Name of Reporting Person S.S. or I.R.S. Identification No. of above person

Vulcan Energy Corporation

2. Check the Appropriate Box if a Member of a Group*

(a) ..

(b) x

3. SEC Use Only

4. Source of Funds*

N/A

5. Check Box if Disclosure of Legal Proceedings Is Required Pursuant to Items 2(d) or 2(e)

..

6. Citizenship or Place of Organization

Delaware

NUMBER OF 7. Sole Voting Power:

SHARES

BENEFICIALLY 0 shares (1)

OWNED BY 8. Shared Voting Power:

EACH

REPORTING 0 shares (1)

PERSON 9. Sole Dispositive Power:

WITH

0 shares (1)

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10. Shared Dispositive Power:

0 shares (1)

11. Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person

0 shares

12. Check Box if the Aggregate Amount in Row (11) Excludes Certain Shares*

x

13. Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row (11)

0%

14. Type of Reporting Person*

CO

⁽¹⁾ Vulcan Energy Corporation and Paul G. Allen have entered into a Subscription Agreement with James C. Flores and John T. Raymond (please see Item 6) and may be deemed members of a group with respect to the shares of Issuer owned by Messrs. Flores and Raymond. Vulcan Energy Corporation and Paul G. Allen disclaim membership in a group with Messrs. Flores and Raymond.

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1. Name of Reporting Person, S.S. or I.R.S. Identification No. of above person

Paul G. Allen

2. Check the Appropriate Box if a Member of a Group*

(a) ☐

(b) ☒

3. SEC Use Only

4. Source of Funds*

N/A

5. Check Box if Disclosure of Legal Proceedings Is Required Pursuant to Items 2(d) or 2(e)

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6. Citizenship or Place of Organization

United States

NUMBER OF 7. Sole Voting Power:

SHARES

BENEFICIALLY 0 shares (1)

OWNED BY 8. Shared Voting Power:

EACH

REPORTING 0 shares (1)

PERSON 9. Sole Dispositive Power:

WITH

0 shares (1)

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10. Shared Dispositive Power:

0 shares (1)

11. Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person

0 shares

12. Check Box if the Aggregate Amount in Row (11) Excludes Certain Shares*

x

13. Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row (11)

0%

14. Type of Reporting Person*

IN

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1. Name of Reporting Person, S.S. or I.R.S. Identification No. of above person

James C. Flores

2. Check the Appropriate Box if a Member of a Group*

(a) ☒ x

(b) ☐ ..

3. SEC Use Only

4. Source of Funds*

N/A

5. Check Box if Disclosure of Legal Proceedings Is Required Pursuant to Items 2(d) or 2(e)

..

6. Citizenship or Place of Organization

United States

NUMBER OF 7. Sole Voting Power:

SHARES

BENEFICIALLY 1,145,703 shares

OWNED BY 8. Shared Voting Power:

EACH

REPORTING 0 shares

PERSON 9. Sole Dispositive Power:

WITH

1,145,703 shares

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10. Shared Dispositive Power:

0 shares

11. Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person

1,145,703 shares

12. Check Box if the Aggregate Amount in Row (11) Excludes Certain Shares*

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13. Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row (11)

4.85%

14. Type of Reporting Person*

IN

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1. Name of Reporting Person, S.S. or I.R.S. Identification No. of above person

John T. Raymond

2. Check the Appropriate Box if a Member of a Group*

(a) ☒ x

(b) ☐ ..

3. SEC Use Only

4. Source of Funds*

N/A

5. Check Box if Disclosure of Legal Proceedings Is Required Pursuant to Items 2(d) or 2(e)

..

6. Citizenship or Place of Organization

United States

NUMBER OF 7. Sole Voting Power:

SHARES

BENEFICIALLY 262,405 shares

OWNED BY 8. Shared Voting Power:

EACH

REPORTING 0 shares

PERSON 9. Sole Dispositive Power:

WITH

262,405 shares

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10. Shared Dispositive Power:

0 shares

11. Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person

262,405 shares

12. Check Box if the Aggregate Amount in Row (11) Excludes Certain Shares*

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13. Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row (11)

1.11%

14. Type of Reporting Person*

IN

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Item 1. Security and Issuer

This Schedule 13D filed by Vulcan Energy Corporation (*Vulcan*), Paul G. Allen, James C. Flores and John T. Raymond relates to the common stock, par value \$0.10 per share (*Common Stock*), of Plains Resources Inc. (the *Issuer*), the principal executive offices of which are located at 700 Milam, Suite 3100, Houston, Texas 77002.

Item 2. Identity and Background

a. Vulcan Energy Corporation

Vulcan is a corporation formed under the laws of the state of Delaware and was formed for the purpose of acquiring the Issuer and, as a result thereof, engaging in the business of gathering, transportation, terminalling, storage, and marketing in North America of hydrocarbons and related operations. Vulcan is located at 505 Fifth Avenue S, Suite 900, Seattle, Washington 98104. Vulcan's sole director and President is: David Capobianco, Vulcan Energy Corporation, 505 Fifth Avenue S, Suite 900, Seattle, Washington 98104. Mr. Capobianco is the sole executive officer of Vulcan and Director of Vulcan Inc.

Neither Vulcan nor, to Vulcan's knowledge, Mr. Capobianco, has during the last five years been convicted in a criminal proceeding (excluding traffic violations or similar misdemeanors) or been a party to a civil proceeding of a judicial or administrative body of competent jurisdiction as a result of which he is or was subject to a judgment, decree or final order enjoining future violations of, or prohibiting or mandating activities subject to, federal or state securities laws or finding any violation with respect to such laws.

To the knowledge of Vulcan, Mr. Capobianco is a citizen of the United States.

b. Paul G. Allen

Paul G. Allen is a natural person whose principal business address is 505 Fifth Avenue S, Suite 900, Seattle, Washington 98104. Mr. Allen is the sole stockholder of Vulcan Energy Corporation. Mr. Allen is a citizen of the United States.

During the last five years, Mr. Allen has not been convicted in a criminal proceeding (excluding traffic violations or similar misdemeanors) or been a party to a civil proceeding of a judicial or administrative body of competent jurisdiction as a result of which he is or was subject to a judgment, decree or final order enjoining future violations of, or prohibiting or mandating activities subject to, federal or state securities laws or finding any violation with respect to such laws.

c. James C. Flores

James C. Flores is a natural person whose principal business address is 700 Milam, Suite 3100, Houston, Texas 77002. Mr. Flores is Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Plains Exploration & Production Company (*PXP*), an independent oil and gas company primarily engaged in the

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upstream activities of acquiring, exploiting, developing and producing oil and gas in its core areas of operation: onshore California, primarily in the Los Angeles Basin, and offshore California in the Point Arguello unit, East Texas and the Gulf Coast region of the United States. He is also Chairman of the Issuer's Board of Directors. Mr. Flores is a citizen of the United States.

During the last five years, Mr. Flores has not been convicted in a criminal proceeding (excluding traffic violations or similar misdemeanors) or been a party to a civil proceeding of a judicial or administrative body of competent jurisdiction as a result of which he is or was subject to a judgment, decree or final order enjoining future violations of, or prohibiting or mandating activities subject to, federal or state securities laws or finding any violation with respect to such laws.

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d. John T. Raymond

John T. Raymond is a natural person whose principal business address is 700 Milam, Suite 3100, Houston, Texas 77002. Mr. Raymond is President and Chief Operating Officer of PXP. He is also the President and Chief Executive Officer of the Issuer. Mr. Raymond is a citizen of the United States.

During the last five years, Mr. Raymond has not been convicted in a criminal proceeding (excluding traffic violations or similar misdemeanors) or been a party to a civil proceeding of a judicial or administrative body of competent jurisdiction as a result of which he is or was subject to a judgment, decree or final order enjoining future violations of, or prohibiting or mandating activities subject to, federal or state securities laws or finding any violation with respect to such laws.

Item 3. Source and Amount of Funds or Other Consideration

Not applicable.

Item 4. Purpose of Transaction

Please see Item 6 below.

Item 5. Interest in Securities of Issuer

Based upon information set forth in the Issuer's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on November 13, 2003, as of October 31, 2003, there were 23,600,000 shares of Common Stock issued and outstanding. As of November 19, 2003, the aggregate number and percentage of outstanding shares of Common Stock beneficially owned by Messrs. Flores and Raymond is 1,408,108 or approximately 5.96%, although each Reporting Person disclaims beneficial ownership of the shares beneficially owned by each other Reporting Person. This number of shares includes the following:

(a) Mr. Flores owns a total of 1,145,703 shares of Common Stock (representing 4.85% of the total outstanding shares of Common Stock), which shares consist of the following:

1,024,132 shares of Common Stock held by Mr. Flores;

Options held by Mr. Flores which are exercisable either currently or within the next 60 days for an aggregate of 101,250 shares of Common Stock;

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20,000 Restricted Shares of Common Stock held by Mr. Flores that will vest within the next 60 days; and

321 shares held in his 401(k) plan.

(b) Mr. Raymond owns a total of 262,405 shares of Common Stock (representing 1.11% of the total outstanding shares of Common Stock), which shares consist of the following:

10,000 shares of Common Stock held by Mr. Raymond;

Options held by Mr. Raymond which are exercisable either currently or within the next 60 days for an aggregate of 227,084 shares of Common Stock;

25,000 Restricted Shares of Common Stock held by Mr. Raymond that will vest within the next 60 days; and

321 shares held in his 401(k) plan.

(c) Vulcan does not own any shares of Common Stock.

(d) Mr. Allen does not own any shares of Common Stock.

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Except for the transactions reported in this Statement, each Reporting Person and, to such Reporting Person's knowledge, the other persons identified pursuant to Item 2, have not effected any other transactions in Common Stock during the past 60 days.

Each Reporting Person does not know of any other person that has the right to receive or the power to direct the receipt of dividends from, or the proceeds from the sale of, the shares of Common Stock of the Issuer beneficially owned by the persons identified in Item 2.

Item 6. Contracts, Arrangements, Understandings or Relationships With Respect to the Securities of the Issuer

Subscription Agreement

On November 19, 2003, Vulcan, Mr. Allen, Mr. Flores and Mr. Raymond entered into a Subscription Agreement (the "***Subscription Agreement***") relating to the sale of shares of Vulcan to Messrs. Flores and Raymond in connection with a proposal by Vulcan to pursue a merger transaction with the Issuer. The Subscription Agreement provides that, immediately prior to the effective time of the proposed merger, Mr. Flores and Mr. Raymond would contribute all of their shares of Common Stock (together with shares of restricted Common Stock, restricted stock units, and the cancellation of certain stock options) to Vulcan in exchange for shares of common and restricted stock of Vulcan, and options to purchase shares of common stock of Vulcan. Upon such merger, Vulcan would beneficially own all of the outstanding shares of common stock of the entity surviving the merger, and the Common Stock would cease to be authorized to be quoted and traded on the New York Stock Exchange. The Issuer has not agreed to enter into a merger transaction with Vulcan, and any such transaction would be subject to negotiation and appraisal by the Issuer's board of directors of any merger agreement (the "***Merger Agreement***"), and approval thereof by the stockholders of the Issuer. As a result of such negotiations, the terms of the Subscription Agreement may be amended or Vulcan may determine not to pursue the proposed merger or consummate the transactions contemplated by the Subscription Agreement.

Pursuant to the Subscription Agreement, the parties agreed that, among other things, Mr. Flores and Mr. Raymond will each vote (or cause to be voted) all of their respective shares of Common Stock at any annual, special or other meeting of the stockholders of Issuer, and at any adjournment(s) thereof, or pursuant to any consent in lieu of a meeting or in any other circumstance upon which any vote or consent or other approval of the stockholders of the Issuer is sought, (i) in favor of the Merger Agreement and any actions required in furtherance thereof; (ii) against any proposal to the Issuer's stockholders that would be reasonably likely to prevent the consummation of the transactions contemplated by the Merger Agreement or result in the breach by the Issuer of the Merger Agreement; (iii) against (A) any significant corporate transaction, including any merger, consolidation, share exchange, rights offering, reorganization, recapitalization, reclassification or liquidation involving the Issuer or any of its subsidiaries, other than the proposed merger, (B) any Acquisition Proposal (as such term is defined in the Subscription Agreement) other than the proposed merger, or (C) any action that could materially impede, interfere with, delay, postpone or adversely affect the consummation of the proposed merger or the transactions contemplated by the Subscription Agreement; (iv) against any change in the composition of the board of directors of the Issuer, other than as contemplated by the Merger Agreement; and (v) against any amendment to the Second Restated Certificate of Incorporation or the Bylaws of the Issuer.

Also, during the period commencing on the date of the Subscription Agreement and continuing until the consummation of the proposed merger, (a) each of Mr. Flores and Mr. Raymond agreed that, with respect to their respective shares of Common Stock, he would not, except as provided in the Subscription Agreement (i) directly or indirectly offer for sale, sell, sell short, cash out, exercise, transfer (including gift), tender, pledge, encumber, assign or otherwise dispose of, or enter into any contract, option or other arrangement or understanding with respect to or consent to the offer for sale, sale, transfer, tender, pledge, encumbrance, assignment or other disposition of, any such Issuer Common Stock, such individual's stock options, restricted stock units, or any

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options, rights, or any interest therein; (ii) grant any proxies or power of attorney, deposit any such Common Stock, stock options or restricted stock units into a voting trust, or enter into a voting agreement or other arrangement with respect to any such Issuer Common Stock, such individual's stock options, restricted stock units or any options, rights, or any interest therein; (b) each of Mr. Flores and Mr. Raymond agreed (i) to cause Sable Investments, L.P. ("**Sable**") and Sable Investments, LLC ("**Sable GP**") not to directly or indirectly offer for sale, sell, sell short, transfer (including by gift), tender, pledge, encumber, assign or otherwise dispose of, or enter into any contract, option or other arrangement or understanding with respect to or consent to the offer for sale, sale, transfer, tender, pledge, encumbrance, assignment or other disposition of any membership interest in Plains All American GP LLC or partnership interest in Plains All American Pipeline, L.P. or any options, rights, or any interest therein, (ii) not to directly or indirectly offer for sale, sell, sell short, cash out, exercise, transfer (including gift), tender, pledge, encumber, assign or otherwise dispose of, or enter into any contract, option or other arrangement or understanding with respect to or consent to the offer for sale, sale, transfer, tender, pledge, encumbrance, assignment or other disposition of, any interest in Sable or Sable GP; and (c) without limiting the generality of (a) above, each of Mr. Flores and Mr. Raymond agrees with and covenants to Vulcan that he shall not (i) except with respect to the exchange of shares pursuant to the Subscription Agreement, request that the Issuer register the transfer of any certificate or uncertificated interest representing any of the shares (as described above) held by Mr. Flores and/or Mr. Raymond, unless such transfer is made in accordance with the Subscription Agreement. Notwithstanding the above, if the Issuer should enter into a definitive agreement with any Person (as defined in the Subscription Agreement) other than Vulcan or any of Vulcan's affiliates providing for an Acquisition Proposal (as defined in the Subscription Agreement), at the closing of the transaction contemplated by such agreement Mr. Flores and Mr. Raymond may deliver their Issuer Common Stock for treatment in accordance with the terms of such agreement, and their stock options and restricted stock units will be treated as contemplated by such agreement.

As a result of executing the Subscription Agreement, each Reporting Person may be deemed to have formed a group with one or more of the other Reporting Persons for purposes of Section 13(d) of the Act and the rules promulgated thereunder, and such group may be deemed to be the beneficial owner of the shares of Common Stock beneficially owned by each Reporting Persons constituting such group as reported on this Schedule 13D. Each Reporting Persons expressly disclaims any assertion or presumption that he and any other Reporting Person or Reporting Persons constitute a group.

The summary description contained in this Item 6 of the Subscription Agreement is qualified in its entirety by reference to the full text of such document which is incorporated by reference herein.

Other than as described in this Item 6, to each Reporting Person's knowledge, there are no contracts, arrangements, understandings or relationships (legal or otherwise) among the persons named in Item 2 and between such persons and any person with respect to any securities of the Issuer including but not limited to transfer or voting of any of the securities, finder's fees, joint ventures, loan or option arrangements, puts or calls, guarantees of profits, division of profits or loss, or the giving or withholding of proxies.

Item 7. Material to be Filed as Exhibits

- 99(a) Subscription Agreement, dated as of November 19, 2003, by and among Vulcan Energy Corporation, Paul G. Allen, James C. Flores and John T. Raymond.
- 99(b) Joint Filing Agreement.

SIGNATURES

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of its knowledge and belief, the undersigned certifies that the information set forth in this Statement is true, complete and correct.

Date: November 26, 2003

VULCAN ENERGY CORPORATION

By: /s/ David Capobianco

Name: David Capobianco
Title: President

SIGNATURES

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of his knowledge and belief, the undersigned certifies that the information set forth in this Statement is true, complete and correct.

Date: November 26, 2003

/s/ Paul G. Allen

Paul G. Allen

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After reasonable inquiry and to the best of his knowledge and belief, the undersigned certifies that the information set forth in this Statement is true, complete and correct.

Date: November 26, 2003

/s/ James C. Flores

James C. Flores

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After reasonable inquiry and to the best of his knowledge and belief, the undersigned certifies that the information set forth in this Statement is true, complete and correct.

Date: November 26, 2003

/s/ John T. Raymond

John T. Raymond

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Name of Exhibit

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