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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 earliest event reported) April 26, 2004

<u>Commission File Number</u>	<u>Registrant, State of Incorporation, Address and Telephone Number</u>	<u>I.R.S. Employer Identification No.</u>
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Item 7. Financial Statements, Pro Forma Financial Statements and Exhibits

(c) Exhibits.

<u>Exhibit No.</u>	<u>Description</u>
99.1	Release, dated April 26, 2004, issued by Entergy.

- 99.2 Release, dated April 26, 2004, issued by Entergy.
- 99.3 Slide presentation given by the Chief Executive Officer, J. Wayne Leonard, and the Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, Leo P. Denault, of Entergy Corporation on April 26, 2004.

Item 9. Regulation FD Disclosure

Entergy Corporation

The information in this Current Report on Form 8-K, including the exhibits listed below, is being furnished, not filed, under Item 9 pursuant to Regulation FD.

On April 26, 2004, Entergy Corporation ("Entergy") issued two public announcements, which are attached as exhibits 99.1 and 99.2 hereto (the "Earnings Releases") and incorporated herein by reference. Entergy's senior management team will host an earnings conference call at 10:00 a.m. CST, Monday, April 26, 2004. The call and the slide presentation, attached hereto as exhibit 99.3, can also be accessed via Entergy's web site at www.entergy.com/webcasts.

Item 12. Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

The information in this Current Report on Form 8-K, including exhibits listed below, is being furnished, not filed, under Item 12, "Results of Operations and Financial Condition."

On April 26, 2004, Entergy Corporation ("Entergy") issued the Earnings Releases, which are attached as exhibits hereto and incorporated herein by reference. Entergy's senior management team will host an earnings conference call at 10:00 a.m. CST, Monday, April 26, 2004. The call and the slide presentation can also be accessed via Entergy's web site at www.entergy.com/webcasts.

Entergy's Earnings Releases contain non-GAAP financial measures. Generally, a non-GAAP financial measure is a numerical measure of a company's performance, financial position, or cash flows that either excludes or includes amounts that are not normally excluded or included in the most directly comparable measure calculated and presented in accordance with United States generally accepted accounting principles, or GAAP. Pursuant to the requirements of Regulation G, Entergy has provided quantitative reconciliations within the Earnings Releases of the non-GAAP financial measures to the most directly comparable GAAP financial measures.

Certain non-GAAP measures in the Earnings Releases differs from GAAP only in that the figure or ratio states or includes operational earnings per share. Operational earnings per share is presented for each of Entergy's major business segments as well as on a consolidated basis. Operational earnings per share is not calculated in accordance with GAAP because it excludes the impact of "special items". Special items reflect the impact on earnings of events that are not routine, are related to prior periods, or are related to discontinued businesses. In addition, other financial measures including return on invested capital, (ROIC) and return on equity, (ROE), are included on both an operational and as reported basis. In each case, the metrics defined as "operational" exclude the impact of special items as defined above. Management believes financial metrics calculated using operational earnings provides useful information to investors in evaluating the ongoing results of Entergy's businesses and assists investors in comparing

the company's operating performance to the operating performance of others in the energy sector. Entergy management frequently references these non-GAAP financial measures in its decision-making, using them to facilitate historical and ongoing performance comparisons as well as comparisons to the performance of peer companies.

Other non-GAAP measures, operating cash flow, free cash flow and net cash available for new investment, debt/equity retirement, dividend increase, are measures Entergy uses internally in cash budgeting and performance monitoring activities to gauge the overall strength of its business. Operating cash flow, as defined by Entergy, is net cash flow provided by operating activities, a GAAP measure, reduced by cash requirements for nuclear fuel purchases and decommissioning trust fund contributions. Free cash flow, as defined by Entergy, is operating cash flow reduced by planned maintenance capital expenditures and estimated preferred and common dividends, and does not consider other potential demands on cash such as mandatory debt service requirements. Entergy believes the above data provides useful information to investors in evaluating Entergy's ongoing financial flexibility, and assists investors in comparing the company's cash availability to the cash availability of others in the energy sector.

The non-GAAP information presented in the Earnings Releases should be considered in addition to, and not as a substitute for, or superior to, as reported earnings per share prepared in accordance with GAAP.

SIGNATURE

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.

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Dated: April 26, 2004