

FIRST ALBANY COMPANIES INC

Form 8-K

April 22, 2004

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, DC 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

**PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 or 15 (d) OF THE
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT of 1934**

April 22, 2004

(Date of Report date of earliest event reported)

First Albany Companies Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

New York

0-14140

22-2655804

(State of Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation) (Commission File Number)

IRS Employer Identification No.)

30 South Pearl Street, Albany, New York 12207

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

(Zip Code)

(518) 447-8500

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

Item 5.

Other Events and Required FD Disclosure

On April 22, 2004, First Albany Companies Inc. issued a press release announcing a special dividend of its holdings in Plug Power Inc. A copy of such press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1

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.

First Albany Companies Inc.

Dated: 4/22/04

/S/ Steven R. Jenkins

Steven R. Jenkins

Executive Managing Director and CFO