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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: April 28, 2004
----(Date of earliest event reported)

The Eastern Company

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

Connecticut 0-599 06-0330020
----(State of (Commission File Number) (IRS Employer incorporation)

(203) 729-2255

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

- ITEM 7 Financial Statements and Exhibits
 - (c) Exhibits

The following exhibit is filed herewith:

99 Press Release dated April 28, 2004 announcing the first quarter earnings for 2004.

ITEM 9 Regulation FD Disclosure

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On April 28, 2004, The Eastern Company released the first quarter of 2004 quarterly earnings.

ITEM 12 Results of Operations and Financial Condition

On April 28, 2004 The Eastern Company released the first quarter of 2004 quarterly earnings.

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, thereunto duly authorized.

The Eastern Company

Date: April 28, 2004 By: /s/John L. Sullivan III

John L. Sullivan III

Oomi D. Sullivan III

Vice President, Secretary & Treasurer