

UNITED STATES  
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

August 1, 2012  
Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported)

HESS CORPORATION  
(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

Delaware  
(State of Incorporation)

1-1204  
(Commission File Number)

13-4921002  
(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

1185 Avenue of the Americas  
New York, New York 10036  
(Address of Principal Executive Office)

(212) 997-8500  
(Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

(Not Applicable)  
(Former Name or Former Address,  
If Changed Since Last Report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

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  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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**Item 5.02. Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.**

On August 1, 2012, the Board of Directors of Hess Corporation (the “Company”) elected Samuel A. Nunn to serve as a director of the Company. Mr. Nunn’s initial term as a director will continue until the Company’s 2013 annual meeting of shareholders when he will be subject to election by the Company’s shareholders. The committees of the Board to which Mr. Nunn will be named have not been determined at this time.

The Board of Directors has determined that Mr. Nunn is “independent” in accordance with the rules and standards of the New York Stock Exchange. Mr. Nunn does not have a material interest in any transaction that is required to be disclosed under Item 404(a) of Regulation S-K. There is no arrangement or understanding between Mr. Nunn and any other person pursuant to which he was selected as a director.

Mr. Nunn’s compensation for service as director will be consistent with the compensation paid to other non-employee directors of the Company as described in the Company’s 2012 proxy statement, filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on March 23, 2012. A copy of the news release announcing the election of Mr. Nunn to the Board is furnished as Exhibit 99.1 hereto.

**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(d) Exhibits

<u>Exhibit Number</u>	<u>Description</u>
99.1	News Release dated August 2, 2012 announcing the election of Samuel A. Nunn to the Board of Directors.

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Date: August 3, 2012

HESS CORPORATION

By: /s/ John P. Rielly

Name: John P. Rielly

Title: Senior Vice President and  
Chief Financial Officer

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*News Release*

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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**Sam Nunn Elected to Hess Corporation Board of Directors**

NEW YORK, August 2, 2012 -- Hess Corporation (NYSE: HES) announced today the election of former U.S. Senator Sam Nunn to its Board of Directors.

Senator Nunn served with distinction as a United States Senator from Georgia for 24 years (1972-1996). He was chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee and the Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations and also served on the Intelligence and Small Business Committees. He is retired from the law firm of King & Spalding.

Senator Nunn currently is co-chairman and chief executive officer of the Nuclear Threat Initiative (NTI), a charitable organization working to reduce the global threats from nuclear, biological and chemical weapons. In addition, he has continued his service in the public policy arena as a distinguished professor in the Sam Nunn School of International Affairs at Georgia Tech and as chairman of the board of the Center for Strategic and International Studies in Washington, D.C. He is also a board member of The Coca-Cola Company and General Electric Company.

Hess Corporation is a leading global independent energy company engaged in the exploration for and production of crude oil and natural gas, as well as in refining and in marketing refined petroleum products, natural gas and electricity. More information on Hess Corporation is available at <http://www.hess.com>.

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