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Form 8-K
April 25, 2003

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 25, 2003

(Date of earliest event reported)

The Eastern Company

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

Connecticut

(State of
incorporation)

0-599

(Commission File Number)

06-0330020

(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

112 Bridge Street, Naugatuck, Connecticut

(Address of principal executive offices)

06770

(Zip Code)

(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 23, 2003 announcing the first quarter
earnings for 2003.

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ITEM 9 Regulation FD Disclosure (Information required under Item 12 - Results of Operations and Financial Condition)

On April 23, 2003 The Eastern Company released the first quarter of 2003 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 25, 2003

By: /s/John L. Sullivan III

John L. Sullivan III
Vice President, Secretary & Treasurer