

CLOUD PEAK ENERGY INC.
Form 8-K
March 12, 2010

UNITED STATES
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

Date of report (Date of earliest event reported) **March 12, 2010**

Cloud Peak Energy Inc.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

Delaware

(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)

001-34547
(Commission File Number)

505 S. Gillette Ave.
Gillette, WY
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

26-3088162
(IRS Employer Identification No.)

82716
(Zip Code)

(307) 687-6000

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(Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

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

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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 8.01. Other Events.

On March 12, 2010, Cloud Peak Energy Inc. issued a press release announcing its estimated coal reserves as of December 31, 2009. The press release also includes the company's estimated year-end 2009 non-reserve coal deposits. A copy of the press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and incorporated by reference herein.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits

99.1 Press release, dated March 12, 2010, issued by Cloud Peak Energy Inc. announcing its year-end 2009 coal reserve estimates and related matters

SIGNATURES

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.

CLOUD PEAK ENERGY INC.

By: /s/ Amy J. Stefonick
Name: Amy J. Stefonick
Title: Corporate Secretary

Date: March 12, 2010

EXHIBIT INDEX

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