

CLOUD PEAK ENERGY INC.
Form 8-K
March 09, 2011

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 8, 2011**

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 5.02(e) Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.

On March 8, 2011, the Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors of Cloud Peak Energy Inc. (Cloud Peak Energy) approved various forms of equity award agreements (the Award Agreements) pursuant to Cloud Peak Energy s 2009 Long Term Incentive Plan (LTIP). The Award Agreements, which were approved in connection with Cloud Peak Energy s 2011 LTIP awards, are filed as Exhibits 10.1, 10.2 and 10.3 to this Form 8-K and are incorporated by reference in this Item 5.02(e).

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

(d) Exhibits. The following exhibits are being filed herewith.

- 10.1 Form of Performance Share Unit Award Agreement under the 2009 Cloud Peak Energy Inc. Long Term Incentive Plan
- 10.2 Form of Nonqualified Stock Option Agreement under the 2009 Cloud Peak Energy Inc. Long Term Incentive Plan
- 10.3 Form of Restricted Stock Agreement under the 2009 Cloud Peak Energy Inc. Long Term Incentive Plan

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 9, 2011

EXHIBIT INDEX

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