ORCHARD JAMES

Form 4

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1(b).

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading **ORCHARD JAMES** Issuer Symbol CLOUD PEAK ENERGY INC. (Check all applicable) [CLD] 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Last) (First) (Middle) Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify (Month/Day/Year) below) below) 505 S. GILLETTE AVE. 11/20/2012

> (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line)

> > _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Sr VP, Marketing

Person

GILLETTE, WY 82716

(City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 1. Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 4. Securities Acquired 5. Amount of 7. Nature of Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Securities Ownership Indirect (Instr. 3) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Beneficially Form: Direct Beneficial (Month/Day/Year) Owned (Instr. 8) (D) or Ownership Following Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) Reported (Instr. 4) (A) Transaction(s) or (Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price 12,407 Common 11/20/2012 F D 30,652 D (1) Stock 19.53

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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Reporting Owners

Relationships Reporting Owner Name / Address

> Director 10% Owner Officer Other

ORCHARD JAMES 505 S. GILLETTE AVE. GILLETTE, WY 82716

Sr VP, Marketing

Date

Signatures

/s/ Amy J. Stefonick, attorney-in-fact for James Orchard

11/21/2012

**Signature of Reporting Person

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- Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- Reflects the number of shares of common stock withheld by the Issuer in satisfaction of the Reporting Person's tax withholding obligation **(1)** upon the vesting of restricted stock.

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