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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

Condon Patrick J. Issuer Symbol CLOUD PEAK ENERGY INC. (Check all applicable) [CLD] (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction _X__ Director 10% Owner Other (specify Officer (give title (Month/Day/Year) below) 505 S. GILLETTE AVE. 03/05/2012

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

(Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original

(Zip)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

Applicable Line)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person

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____For Person

GILLETTE, WY 82716

(State)

(City)

(City)	(State)	Table 1 - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned							
1.Title of	2. Transaction Date	2A. Deemed	3.	4. Securi	ties		5. Amount of	6. Ownership	7. Nature of
Security	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transactio	sactionAcquired (A) or			Securities	Form: Direct	Indirect
(Instr. 3)		any	Code	Code Disposed of (D)			Beneficially	(D) or	Beneficial
		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	(Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			Owned	Indirect (I)	Ownership
							Following	(Instr. 4)	(Instr. 4)
					(4)		Reported		
				(A) or		Transaction(s)			
			Code V	Amount	(D)	Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)		
Common	02/05/2012(1)			2.724		Φ.Ω	2.704	Ъ	
Stock	03/05/2012(1)		A	3,724	A	\$0	3,724	D	
Common Stock	03/05/2012(1)		A	3,927	A	\$0	7,651	D	

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)

1. Title of	2.	3. Transaction Date		4.	5.	6. Date Exerc		7. Title		8. Price of	9. Nu
Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transacti	orNumber	Expiration Date		Amou	nt of	Derivative	Deriv
Security	or Exercise		any	Code	of	(Month/Day/	Year)	Under	lying	Security	Secur
(Instr. 3)	Price of		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Derivative	e		Securi	ties	(Instr. 5)	Bene
	Derivative				Securities			(Instr.	3 and 4)		Own
	Security				Acquired						Follo
					(A) or						Repo
					Disposed						Trans
					of (D)						(Instr
					(Instr. 3,						
					4, and 5)						
									Amount		
						Date	Expiration		or		
						Exercisable	*	Title	Number		
						LACICISAUIC			of		
				Code V	(A) (D)				Shares		

Reporting Owners

Relationships Reporting Owner Name / Address

> 10% Owner Officer Other Director

Condon Patrick J.

505 S. GILLETTE AVE. X

GILLETTE, WY 82716

Signatures

/s/ Amy J. Stefonick, attorney-in-fact for Mr. 03/06/2012 Condon

> **Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

- If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
- Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- These shares represent restricted stock units which will be settled in common stock upon vesting. These restricted stock units vest as to 100% on the date the director retires or resigns from the Board of Directors of Cloud Peak Energy Inc.

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