

CLOUD PEAK ENERGY INC.

Form 3

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response... 0.5**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
SECURITIES**Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934,
Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section
30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting
Person *

Â Carbone Kendall K

(Last)

(First)

(Middle)

505 SOUTH GILLETTE
AVENUE

(Street)

GILLETTE,Â WYÂ 82715

(City)

(State)

(Zip)

2. Date of Event Requiring
Statement

(Month/Day/Year)

03/16/2015

3. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading Symbol
CLOUD PEAK ENERGY INC. [CLD]4. Relationship of Reporting
Person(s) to Issuer5. If Amendment, Date Original
Filed(Month/Day/Year)

(Check all applicable)

☐ Director ☐ 10% Owner☒ Officer ☐ Other

(give title below) (specify below)

VP, Chief Accounting Officer

6. Individual or Joint/Group

Filing(Check Applicable Line)

☒ Form filed by One Reporting
Person☐ Form filed by More than One
Reporting Person**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**1. Title of Security
(Instr. 4)2. Amount of Securities
Beneficially Owned
(Instr. 4)3. Ownership
Form:
Direct (D)
or Indirect
(I)
(Instr. 5)4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial
Ownership
(Instr. 5)

Common Stock

7,025 ⁽¹⁾

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

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currently valid OMB control number.****Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**1. Title of Derivative Security
(Instr. 4)2. Date Exercisable and
Expiration Date
(Month/Day/Year)3. Title and Amount of
Securities Underlying
Derivative Security
(Instr. 4)

Title

4. Conversion
or Exercise
Price of
Derivative
Security5. Ownership
Form of
Derivative
Security:
Direct (D)6. Nature of Indirect
Beneficial Ownership
(Instr. 5)

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| | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Amount or Number of Shares | or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) |
|-------------------|---------------------|--------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Performance Units | Â (2) | Â (2) | Common Stock | 10,537 \$ (2) |
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Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|--------------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Carbone Kendall K 505 SOUTH GILLETTE AVENUE GILLETTE, WY 82715 | Â | Â | Â VP, Chief Accounting Officer | Â |

Signatures

/s/ Lisa Kish, attorney-in-fact for Kendall K.
Carbone

03/17/2015

__Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(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).
- (1) Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of Cloud Peak Energy Inc. common stock. 100% of the restricted stock units vest three years after the date of grant (which was 03/02/2015).

Each performance right represents a contingent right to receive one share of Cloud Peak Energy Inc. (CPE) common stock. The performance rights vest 3 years from the date of grant (which was 03/02/2015) upon CPE's achievement of performance goals, which are based upon CPE's relative and absolute total shareholder return. These achievements may result in a payout ranging between 0% and 200% of the target. The number of performance rights shown in columns 5 and 7 is equal to the target number of performance rights that may be earned. There is no expiration date for performance rights.

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Remarks:

ExhibitÂ List:

1.Â ExhibitÂ 24Â -Â PowerÂ ofÂ Attorney

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