CLOUD PEAK ENERGY INC.

Form 4

March 06, 2017

FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN 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

See Instruction 1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

Pechersky Bryan J

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

CLOUD PEAK ENERGY INC.

[CLD]

(Last) (First) (Middle)

(Month/Day/Year) 03/03/2017

(Street)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify

below)

Exec. VP, GC & Corp. Secretary 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

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Person

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

GILLETTE, WY 82716

(City)

(Instr. 3)

505 S. GILLETTE AVE.

1. Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security

(Month/Day/Year)

(State)

Execution Date, if (Month/Day/Year)

(Zip)

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 8)

(Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported

6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect Beneficial (I) (Instr. 4)

7. Nature of Indirect Ownership (Instr. 4)

(A) Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price

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 Derivative Security

Conversion or Exercise

3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if

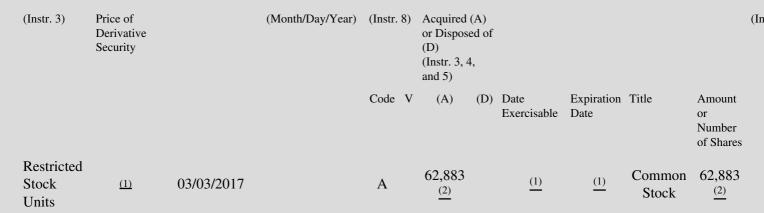
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4. 5. Number of **Transaction**Derivative Code Securities

6. Date Exercisable and **Expiration Date** (Month/Day/Year)

7. Title and Amount of 8. 1 **Underlying Securities** De (Instr. 3 and 4) Sec

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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Pechersky Bryan J 505 S. GILLETTE AVE. GILLETTE, WY 82716

Exec. VP, GC & Corp. Secretary

Signatures

/s/ Bryan J. Pechersky 03/06/2017

**Signature of Date Reporting Person

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).

Each restricted stock unit ("RSU") represents a contingent right to receive the value of one share of Cloud Peak Energy Inc. ("CPE") common stock. In general, 100% of the RSUs vest three years after the date of grant subject to the terms of the award agreement and CPE's long-term incentive plan ("LTIP"). Vested RSUs may be paid in shares, cash or a combination of shares and cash, in the discretion of the Compensation Committee.

This total does not include performance share units ("PSUs") that were also granted on March 3, 2017 and that will be reported under Section 16 upon any vesting, as provided by applicable rules. PSUs represent a contingent right to receive the value of one share of CPE

(2) common stock. In general, PSUs vest 3 years from the date of grant depending on CPE's achievement of performance goals, which are based upon CPE's relative and absolute total shareholder return ("TSR"), and subject to the terms of the award agreement and CPE's LTIP. These TSR achievements may result in a payout ranging between 0% and 200% of the target.

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