

CLOUD PEAK ENERGY INC.
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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *		2. Date of Event Requiring Statement	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol	
Â Carbone Kendall K		(Month/Day/Year)	CLOUD PEAK ENERGY INC. [CLD]	
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	03/16/2015	
505 SOUTH GILLETTE AVENUE			4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer	5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)
(Street)			(Check all applicable)	
GILLETTE,Â WYÂ 82715			<input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person
			(give title below) (specify below)	<input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person
			VP, Chief Accounting Officer	

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⁾	D	Â

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

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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)	4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	5. 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) D Â

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
 Date: 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:
 Exhibit List:

1. Exhibit 24 - Power of Attorney

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