

CLOUD PEAK ENERGY INC.  
Form 8-K  
January 18, 2018

**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

**FORM 8-K**

**CURRENT REPORT**

**Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): **January 18, 2018**

**Cloud Peak Energy Inc.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Delaware**  
(State or other Jurisdiction of  
Incorporation)

**001-34547**  
(Commission File Number)

**26-3088162**  
(IRS Employer Identification No.)

**505 S. Gillette Ave., Gillette, Wyoming**  
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

**82716**  
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(307) 687-6000**

**Not Applicable**

(Former name or former address if changed since last report.)

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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2 of this chapter).

Emerging growth company

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

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**Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.**

On January 18, 2018, Cloud Peak Energy Inc. ( Cloud Peak Energy ) announced the departure of its Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer, Mr. Gary Rivenes. Mr. Rivenes' last day as an employee of Cloud Peak Energy will be April 17, 2018. However, effective immediately, Mr. Colin Marshall, Cloud Peak Energy's President and Chief Executive Officer, assumed the responsibilities of Chief Operating Officer, in addition to his current role as President and Chief Executive Officer. Biographical and other information about Mr. Marshall can be found in Cloud Peak Energy's most recent Proxy Statement filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission on March 27, 2017, which information regarding Mr. Marshall is incorporated by reference in this Form 8-K.

In connection with Mr. Rivenes' departure, he will be entitled to receive benefits provided under existing company benefit plans and agreements, which include cash payments based on his base salary and target annual bonus, a pro rata portion of his 2018 bonus, pro rata vesting of unvested restricted stock units and potential pro rata vesting of performance share units at the end of each applicable three-year performance period, depending on actual performance during such periods.

**SIGNATURE**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

**CLOUD PEAK ENERGY INC.**

Date: January 18, 2018

By: /s/ Bryan J. Pechersky  
Name: Bryan J. Pechersky  
Title: Executive Vice President, General Counsel, and  
Corporate Secretary