

Carbone Kendall K  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
Carbone Kendall K

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
CLOUD PEAK ENERGY INC.  
[CLD]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
505 S. GILLETTE AVE.  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
03/02/2018

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
VP & Chief Accounting Officer

GILLETTE, WY 82716

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

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(City) (State) (Zip)

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

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V Amount (D) Price			
Common Stock	03/02/2018		M	7,025 (1) A \$ 0	7,025 (5)	D	
Common Stock	03/02/2018		F	3,090 (2) D \$ 3.3	3,935 (5)	D	
Common Stock	03/02/2018		M	10,537 (3) A \$ 3.3	14,472 (5)	D	
Common Stock	03/02/2018		F	4,635 (4) D \$ 3.3	9,837 (5)	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 Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4)
Performance Share Units	(3)	03/02/2018		M	10,537	(3) (3)	Common Stock 10,537
Restricted Stock Units	(6)	03/02/2018		A	18,456 (7)	(6) (6)	Common Stock 18,456 (7)

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Carbone Kendall K 505 S. GILLETTE AVE. GILLETTE, WY 82716			VP & Chief Accounting Officer	

## Signatures

/s/ Bryan J. Pechersky, attorney-in-fact for Kendall K.  
Carbone

03/06/2018

\_\_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).

(1) Reflects the number of 2015 restricted stock units ("RSUs") vested on 3/2/2018. Each RSU represents a contingent right to receive one share of Cloud Peak Energy Inc. ("CPE") common stock. 100% of the restricted stock units vest three years from the date of grant (which was 3/2/2015). The Reporting Person was not a Section 16 officer as of the date of the grant of the 2015 RSUs.

(2) Reflects the number of shares of common stock withheld by the Issuer in satisfaction of the Reporting Person's tax withholding obligation upon the vesting of 2015 RSUs.

(3) Each 2015 performance share unit ("PSU") represented a contingent right to receive the value of one share of Cloud Peak Energy Inc. common stock. The PSUs vested 3 years from the date of grant (which was 3/2/2015) upon CPE's achievement of performance goals, which were based upon CPE's relative and absolute total shareholder return ("TSR"). These TSR achievements resulted in a payout of 100% of the target.

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(4) Reflects the number of shares of common stock withheld by the Issuer in satisfaction of the Reporting Person's tax withholding obligation upon the vesting of 2015 PSUs.

(5) This total does not include RSUs granted to the Reporting Person in 2016, 2017 or 2018 because vested RSUs may be paid in shares, cash or a combination of shares and cash, in the discretion of the Compensation Committee.

(6) Each 2018 RSU represents a contingent right to receive the value of one share of 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.

(7) This total does not include 2018 PSUs that were also granted on 3/2/2018 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 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 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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