**RIVENES GARY** Form 4 March 06, 2018

# FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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See Instruction

2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol CLOUD PEAK ENERGY INC. [CLD]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)		
3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 03/02/2018	Director 10% Owner Other (specify below) Executive V.P.		
4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		
	Symbol CLOUD PEAK ENERGY INC. [CLD] 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 03/02/2018 4. If Amendment, Date Original		

(City)	(State) (Z	Zip) Table	e I - Non-De	erivative S	ecurit	ies Acq	uired, Disposed o	of, or Beneficial	ly Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (D)			of	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)		
Common Stock	03/02/2018		F	18,588 (1)	D	\$ 3.3	126,147 (4)	D	
Common Stock	03/02/2018		M	70,856 (2)	A	\$ 3.3	197,003 (4)	D	
Common Stock	03/02/2018		F	27,882 (3)	D	\$ 3.3	169,121 (4)	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)			onDerivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D)		ive Expiration Date Underlying es Acquired (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 3 an Disposed of		7. Title and A Underlying S (Instr. 3 and	Securiti
				Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amor or Numb of Sh
Performance Share Units	(2)	03/02/2018		M		70,856	(2)	(2)	Common Stock	70,8
Restricted Stock Units	(5) (7)	03/02/2018		A	85,457 (6) (7)		(5)(7)	(5)(7)	Common Stock	85,4 (6)

# **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
RIVENES GARY							
505 S. GILLETTE AVE.			Executive V.P.				
GILLETTE WY 82716							

# **Signatures**

/s/ Bryan J. Pechersky, attorney-in-fact for Gary 03/06/2018 Rivenes \*\*Signature of 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).
- Reflects the number of shares of common stock withheld by the Issuer in satisfaction of the Reporting Person's tax withholding obligation **(1)** upon the vesting of 2015 restricted stock units ("RSUs").

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- Each 2015 performance share unit ("PSU") represented a contingent right to receive the value of one share of Cloud Peak Energy Inc. ("CPE") 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, which target number was originally reported in Table II on the Form 4 filed on 3/3/2015.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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 (5) 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.

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- This total does not include 2018 PSUs that were also granted on 3/2/2018. 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.
- As disclosed in a Form 8-K filed on 1/18/2018, the Reporting Person's final day as an employee of CPE will be 4/17/2018. In connection with his departure from CPE, the Reporting Person will forfeit a pro-rata portion of all unvested equity compensation awards, including his 2018 equity awards.

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