

CLOUD PEAK ENERGY INC.
Form 8-K
September 29, 2010

UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, DC 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) **September 28, 2010**

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)

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

26-3088162
(IRS Employer Identification No.)

82716
(Zip Code)

(307) 687-6000

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(Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

(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))
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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.

Cloud Peak Energy Inc. announced that, on September 28, 2010, Mr. Heath A. Hill, age 40, joined the company as Vice President and Chief Accounting Officer. Mr. Hill is a certified public accountant and for the last four years has served as a Senior Manager in the audit and assurance services group for PwC. Prior to that, Mr. Hill held various other positions within PwC. Mr. Hill has a broad range of experience across industry sectors, including a two year placement in Germany for a U. S. subsidiary company performing accounting services under U.S. generally accepted accounting principals and control implementation under the Sarbanes-Oxley Act. Mr. Hill has never worked on any engagements or projects for Cloud Peak Energy or its predecessor, Rio Tinto Energy America.

SIGNATURES

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

CLOUD PEAK ENERGY INC.

By: /s/ Amy J. Stefonick
Name: Amy J. Stefonick
Title: Corporate Secretary

Date: September 29, 2010