

CHESAPEAKE ENERGY CORP
Form 8-K
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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): December 2, 2009

CHESAPEAKE ENERGY CORPORATION

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its Charter)

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| Oklahoma (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation) | 1-13726 (Commission File No.) | 73-1395733 (IRS Employer Identification No.) |
| 6100 North Western Avenue, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma (Address of principal executive offices) | | 73118 (Zip Code) |

(405) 848-8000
(Registrant's telephone number,
including area code)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below):

- * Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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- * Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Section 5 – Corporate Governance and Management

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

J. Mark Lester, Executive Vice President—Exploration of Chesapeake Energy Corporation (the “Company”), has notified the Company that he will retire as an officer and employee of the Company effective January 29, 2010. Mr. Lester will serve as a consultant to the Company through June 30, 2010.

Section 7 – Regulation FD

Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure.

On December 8, 2009, the Company issued a press release announcing Mr. Lester’s retirement. The press release is furnished herewith as Exhibit 99.1.

On December 7, 2009, the Company issued a press release announcing it was named Energy Producer of the Year at the 11th Annual Platts Global Energy Awards program in New York and also received the Industry Leadership Award. The press release is furnished herewith as Exhibit 99.2.

Section 9 – Financial Statements and Exhibits

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits. See "Index to Exhibits" attached to this Current Report on Form 8-K, which is incorporated by reference herein.

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.

CHESAPEAKE ENERGY CORPORATION

By: */s/ Jennifer M. Grigsby*
Jennifer M. Grigsby
Senior Vice President, Treasurer and
Corporate Secretary

Date: December 8, 2009

EXHIBIT INDEX

| Exhibit No. | Document Description |
|----------------|---|
| 99.1 | Chesapeake Energy Corporation press release dated December 8, 2009 |
| 99.2 | Chesapeake Energy Corporation press release dated December 7, 2009 |