

CHESAPEAKE ENERGY CORP  
Form 8-K  
December 22, 2005

**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 22, 2005 (December 16, 2005)

**CHESAPEAKE ENERGY CORPORATION**

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its Charter)

**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):

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

**Section 1 Registrant's Business and Operations**

**Item 1.01 Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement**

On December 16, 2005, the Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors set the annual base salaries of, and awarded cash bonuses to, Chesapeake's named executive officers, effective January 1, 2006. The new base salaries and the cash bonuses, respectively, are as follows: Aubrey K. McClendon \$975,000 and \$700,000; Tom L. Ward \$975,000 and \$700,000; Marcus C. Rowland \$625,000 and \$400,000; Martha A. Burger \$500,000 and \$275,000; and Michael A. Johnson \$375,000 and \$150,000.

**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/ Aubrey K. McClendon  
Aubrey K. McClendon

Chairman of the Board and

Chief Executive Officer

Date: December 22, 2005