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Form 8-K  
October 07, 2004

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)

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OCTOBER 7, 2004 (OCTOBER 1, 2004)

CHESAPEAKE ENERGY CORPORATION

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(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its Charter)

OKLAHOMA

1-13726

73-1395733

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(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

(Commission File No.)

(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

6100 NORTH WESTERN AVENUE, OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA

73118

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(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

(405) 848-8000

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(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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SECTION 1 - REGISTRANT'S BUSINESS AND OPERATIONS

ITEM 1.01 ENTRY INTO A MATERIAL DEFINITIVE AGREEMENT

On October 1, 2004, Chesapeake Energy Corporation granted each non-employee director options to purchase 12,500 shares of its common stock at an exercise price of \$16.08 per share, which was the closing price of the shares on such date. Directors who received grants are Breene M. Kerr, Frank A. Keating, Charles T. Maxwell, Shannon T. Self and Frederick B. Whittemore. The options will expire three years following an optionee's termination of service as a director or, if earlier, on the tenth anniversary of the date of grant. If an optionee's membership on the Board of Directors is terminated for cause, however, the options will expire thirty days after such termination. The grant of options to purchase 8,000 shares was made subject to shareholder approval. The remaining options to purchase 4,500 shares are immediately exercisable.

The options are generally nontransferable, but are transferable to (i) the ex-spouse of an optionee pursuant to the terms of a qualified domestic relations order, (ii) the spouse, children or grandchildren of the optionee, (iii) a trust for the exclusive benefit of such immediate family members, or (iv) a partnership in which such immediate family members are the only partners.

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SIGNATURES

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.

By: CHESAPEAKE ENERGY CORPORATION  
AUBREY K. MCCLENDON

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Aubrey K. McClendon  
Chairman of the Board and  
Chief Executive Officer

Dated: October 7, 2004

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