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March 18, 2016

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): March 14, 2016

CHESAPEAKE ENERGY CORPORATION

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its Charter)

Oklahoma 1-13726 73-1395733

(State or other jurisdiction of

incorporation) (Commission File No.) (IRS Employer Identification No.)

6100 North Western Avenue, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73118

(Address of principal executive offices) (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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- o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

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Item 3.02 Unregistered Sales of Equity Securities.

Chesapeake Energy Corporation (the "Company") has entered into privately negotiated purchase and exchange agreements under which it has and will exchange (the "Exchanges") in reliance on Section 3(a)(9) of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act"), shares of the Company's common stock, par value \$0.01 per share (the "Common Stock") for outstanding 2.5% Contingent Convertible Senior Notes due 2037 (with May 2017 put rights) and 6.5% Senior Notes due 2017 (collectively, the "Outstanding Senior Notes") of the Company. As of March 18, 2016, the Company has issued or agreed to issue an aggregate of 17,255,347 shares of Common Stock, representing approximately 2.6% of the Company's outstanding Common Stock, in exchange for \$105.0 million aggregate principal amount of its Outstanding Senior Notes.

Pursuant to Section 3(a)(9) of the Securities Act, the Common Stock issued in the Exchanges was issued to existing securityholders of the Company and no commission or other remuneration was paid or given for soliciting the Exchanges.

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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/ James R. Webb James R. Webb

Executive Vice President - General Counsel and Corporate

Secretary

Date: March 18, 2016