Instruction 1(b).

FORM 4

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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* MAXWELL CHARLEST							2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol CHESAPEAKE ENERGY CORP [CHK]							of Reportin cable) or	g Pers	son(s) to Issi 10% Ow	
(Last) (First) (Middle) 33 ORIOLE AVENUE					3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 04/01/2004							Officer below)	(give title		Other (s below)	pecify	
(Street) BRONXVILLE NY 10708 (City) (State) (Zip)					4. 1	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)							Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable ine) X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person				
Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned																	
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Transac Date (Month/Date)						Execution Date,			Code (Ins			ed (A) or etr. 3, 4 and	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported		Form: Direct		7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership
									Code V	Amount	(A) or (D) Price		Transact	Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)			(Instr. 4)
	Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)																
1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemee Execution I if any (Month/Day	Date,	4. Transa Code (i 8)		of I		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (Instr. 4)	e s Illy	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	Beneficial Ownership t (Instr. 4)
					Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares					
Non- Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$13.35	04/01/2004			A		11,250		04/01/2004	04/01/2014	Common Stock	11,250	\$0	11,25	0	D	

Explanation of Responses:

By: Jennifer M. Grigsby For: Charles T. Maxwell

04/02/2004

** Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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