FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol CHESAPEAKE ENERGY CORP [CHK]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)					
WARD	<u>IOM L</u>			X Director 10% Owner					
(Last)	st) (First) (Middle)		3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 05/01/2003	X Officer (give title Other (specify below) below) President & COO					
(Street)			4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) 05/02/2003	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)					
(0:+.)	(0+-+-)	(7:)		X Form filed by One Reporting Person					
(City)	(State)	(Zip)		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. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transa Code (8)		4. Securities Disposed Of 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	v	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)		
Common Stock	05/01/2003		Р		4,000	A	8.18	7,930,503	D	
Common Stock	05/01/2003		Р		30,000	A	8.2	7,960,503	D	
Common Stock	05/01/2003		Р		50,000	A	8.21	8,010,503	D	
Common Stock	05/01/2003		Р		41,000	A	8.22	8,051,503	D	

Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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	1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transa Code (8)		5. Nur of Deriv Secur Acqu (A) or Dispo of (D) (Instr. and 5	ative rities ired osed . 3, 4	6. Date Exerc Expiration Da (Month/Day/Y	ate	7. Title Amour Securi Underl Deriva Securi and 4)	nt of ties ying tive ty (Instr. 3	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
					Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				

Explanation of Responses:

By: Jennifer M. Grigsby For: Tom L. Ward

05/05/2003

** Signature of Reporting Person Date

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

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4 (b)(v).

** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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