

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) April 16, 2002 (April 16, 2002)

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)

INFORMATION TO BE INCLUDED IN THE REPORT

ITEM 5. OTHER EVENTS

On April 16, 2002, Chesapeake Energy Corporation issued a press release announcing that its Board of Directors has declared a regular quarterly dividend on its preferred stock.

ITEM 7. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS

(c) Exhibits. The following exhibit is filed herewith:

99. Press Release issued by the Registrant on April 16, 2002.

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, thereunto duly authorized.

CHESAPEAKE ENERGY CORPORATION

By: /s/ Aubrey K. McClendon

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

Dated: April 16, 2002

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
APRIL 16, 2002

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CHESAPEAKE ENERGY CORPORATION DECLARES  
QUARTERLY CASH DIVIDEND ON ITS PREFERRED STOCK

OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA, APRIL 16, 2002 - Chesapeake Energy Corporation (NYSE:CHK) today announced that its Board of Directors has declared a regular quarterly cash dividend on Chesapeake's 6.75% Cumulative Convertible Preferred Stock, par value \$.01. The dividend for the preferred stock is payable on May 15, 2002 to shareholders of record on May 1, 2002 at the rate of \$0.84375 per share. Chesapeake has 3.0 million shares of preferred stock outstanding with a liquidation value of \$150 million.

Chesapeake Energy Corporation is one of the 10 largest independent natural gas producers in the U.S. Headquartered in Oklahoma City, the company's operations are focused on exploratory and developmental drilling and producing property acquisitions in the Mid-Continent region of the United States. The company's Internet address is [www.chkenergy.com](http://www.chkenergy.com).