

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, 2001 (APRIL 16, 2001)

CHESAPEAKE ENERGY CORPORATION

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its Charter)

OKLAHOMA

(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)

1-13726

(Commission File No.)

73-1395733

(IRS Employer Identification No.)

6100 NORTH WESTERN AVENUE, OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA

(Address of principal executive offices)

73118

(Zip Code)

(405) 848-8000

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

INFORMATION TO BE INCLUDED IN THE REPORT

ITEM 9. REGULATION FD

Chesapeake Energy Corporation has adopted a policy of providing investors with guidance on certain factors which affect our future financial performance. As of April 16, 2001, we are using the key operating assumptions in our projections for the first two quarters of 2001 and full years 2001 and 2002. Please note that our outlook now incorporates earnings per share estimates. The key operating assumptions for 2001 include the completion of the merger with Gothic Energy Corporation which occurred on January 16, 2001. With the filing of this report on Form 8-K, we are posting the same information on our web site at www.chkenergy.com. We caution you that our outlook is given as of April 16, 2001 based on currently available information, and that we are not undertaking any obligation to update our estimates as conditions change or other information becomes available.

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

AUBREY K. MCCLENDON
Chairman of the Board and
Chief Executive Officer

Dated: April 16, 2001