## 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): January 29, 2020

# CHESAPEAKE ENERGY CORPORATION (Exact name of Registrant as specified in its Charter)

| Oklahoma                                                                                          |                               |                    | 73-1395733                                       |        |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------------------------------------|--------|
| (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)                                                    |                               |                    | (IRS Employer Identification No.)                |        |
| 6100 North Western Avenue                                                                         | Oklahoma City                 | OK                 | 73118                                            |        |
| (Address of principal executive offices)                                                          |                               | (Zip Code)         |                                                  |        |
|                                                                                                   | (405) 84                      | 8-8000             | _                                                |        |
| (R                                                                                                | Registrant's telephone numb   | er, including area | code)                                            |        |
| Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-following provisions (see General Instruction A.    | _                             | aneously satisfy t | he filing obligation of the registrant under any | of the |
| ☐ Written communications pursuant to Ru                                                           | le 425 under the Securities   | Act (17 CFR 230    | 425)                                             |        |
| ☐ Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-                                                       | -12 under the Exchange Act    | (17 CFR 240.14     | a-12)                                            |        |
| ☐ Pre-commencement communications pu                                                              | ursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) und  | der the Exchange   | Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))                        |        |
| ☐ Pre-commencement communications pu                                                              | ursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) und  | der the Exchange   | Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))                        |        |
| Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b)                                                   | of the Act:                   |                    |                                                  |        |
| Title of each class                                                                               | Trading Symbol(s              | s) Na              | ame of each exchange on which registered         |        |
| Common stock, par value \$0.01 per share                                                          | e CHK                         |                    | New York Stock Exchange                          |        |
| Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is (§ 230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the |                               |                    |                                                  |        |
|                                                                                                   |                               |                    | Emerging growth company                          |        |
| If an emerging growth company, indicate by che                                                    | eck mark if the registrant ha | s elected not to u | se the extended transition period for            |        |

complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

## Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers

On January 29, 2020, the Board of Directors of Chesapeake Energy Corporation approved the termination, effective as of that date, of: (i) the Chesapeake Energy Corporation Deferred Compensation Plan, as amended (the "DCP"); and (ii) the Chesapeake Energy Corporation Deferred Compensation Plan for Non-Employee Directors (the "Director DCP"). The terminations were made in accordance with the terms and conditions of the DCP and Director DCP, respectively. As soon as administratively practicable following the effective date of the terminations, the DCP and the Director DCP shall commence distributing amounts previously deferred to the respective plan participants.

### 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: January 31, 2020