

**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): **March 3, 2018**

WESTMORELAND COAL COMPANY
(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

Delaware
(State or Other Jurisdiction
of Incorporation)

001-11155
(Commission
File Number)

23-1128670
(I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)

**9540 South Maroon Circle,
Suite 300
Englewood, CO**
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

80112
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(855) 922-6463**

(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (*see* General Instruction A.2. below):

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
- Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2 of this chapter).

Emerging growth company

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use 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 5.08. Shareholder Director Nominations

2018 Annual Meeting of Stockholders

Westmoreland Coal Company's (the "Company") Board of Directors has determined that the Company's annual meeting of stockholders for 2018 (the "Annual Meeting") will be held on Friday, August 31, 2018, at 8:30 a.m., Mountain Daylight Time in a virtual shareholder meeting format. The Board has established the close of business on June 29, 2018 as the record date for the determination of stockholders who are entitled to notice of, and to vote at, the Annual Meeting and any adjournments or postponements thereof.

Stockholder Proposals and Director Nominations

Because the Annual Meeting will be held more than 30 days from the anniversary date of the Company's last annual meeting of stockholders, the deadlines for stockholder proposals and director nominations for consideration at the Annual Meeting set forth in the Company's definitive proxy statement filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on March 31, 2017 no longer apply. If a stockholder of the Company intends to nominate a person for election to the Board of Directors of the Company pursuant to the Company's proxy access bylaw or to propose other business for consideration at the Annual Meeting, including any proposal made pursuant to Rule 14a-8 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, the deadline for submitting the notice of such nomination or stockholder proposal, is the close of business on June 4, 2018. Any notice should be delivered to 9540 South Maroon Circle, Suite 300, Englewood, Colorado 80112, Attention: Corporate Secretary. Any stockholder proposal or director nomination received after June 4, 2018 will be considered untimely and will not be included in the Company's proxy materials for the Annual Meeting nor will it be considered at the Annual Meeting. Any stockholder proposal or director nomination must also comply with the requirements of Delaware law, the rules and regulations promulgated by the Securities and Exchange Commission and the Company's By-Laws, as applicable.

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.

WESTMORELAND COAL COMPANY

Date: March 12, 2018

By: /s/ Jennifer S. Grafton

Jennifer S. Grafton
Chief Legal Officer, Chief Administrative Officer and
Secretary