

PEABODY ENERGY CORP
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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 ENGELHARDT IRL F

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 701 MARKET STREET
 (Street)

ST. LOUIS, MO 63101-1826

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 PEABODY ENERGY CORP [BTU]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
 (Month/Day/Year)
 10/19/2005

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
 Chairman and CEO

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 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 | | | |
| Common Stock | 10/19/2005 | | M | | 50,000 | A | \$ 7.145 | 347,118 | D ⁽¹⁾ | |
| Common Stock | 10/19/2005 | | S ⁽²⁾ | | 10,000 | D | \$ 78 | 337,118 | I ⁽¹⁾ | By Family Trust |
| Common Stock | 10/19/2005 | | S ⁽²⁾ | | 5,000 | D | \$ 77.99 | 332,118 | I ⁽¹⁾ | By Family Trust |
| Common Stock | 10/19/2005 | | S ⁽²⁾ | | 5,000 | D | \$ 77.55 | 327,118 | I ⁽¹⁾ | By Family Trust |
| Common Stock | 10/19/2005 | | S ⁽²⁾ | | 1,000 | D | \$ 77.25 | 326,118 | I ⁽¹⁾ | By Family Trust |

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|--------------|------------|------------------|--------|---|----------|---------|------------------|-----------------|
| Common Stock | 10/19/2005 | S ⁽²⁾ | 18,000 | D | \$ 77.22 | 308,118 | I ⁽¹⁾ | By Family Trust |
| Common Stock | 10/19/2005 | S ⁽²⁾ | 3,000 | D | \$ 77.2 | 305,118 | I ⁽¹⁾ | By Family Trust |
| Common Stock | 10/19/2005 | S ⁽²⁾ | 1,800 | D | \$ 76.8 | 303,318 | I ⁽¹⁾ | By Family Trust |
| Common Stock | 10/19/2005 | S ⁽²⁾ | 2,400 | D | \$ 76.75 | 300,918 | I ⁽¹⁾ | By Family Trust |
| Common Stock | 10/19/2005 | S ⁽²⁾ | 3,800 | D | \$ 76.68 | 297,118 | I ⁽¹⁾ | By Family Trust |
| Common Stock | | | | | | 15,626 | D ⁽³⁾ | |
| Common Stock | | | | | | 8,358 | I | By 401(k) Plan |
| Common Stock | | | | | | 2,200 | I | By Spouse |

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

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

| 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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | | |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--------------|----------------------------|
| | | | | Code | V (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Employee Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 7.145 | 10/19/2005 | | M | 50,000 | 05/19/2001 | 05/19/2008 | Common Stock | 50,000 |

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Reporting Owners

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

ENGELHARDT IRL F
701 MARKET STREET
ST. LOUIS, MO 63101-1826

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Chairman and CEO

Signatures

Irl F. Engelhardt By: Joseph W. Bean,
Attorney-in-Fact

10/21/2005

__Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * 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).
- (1) Pursuant to the Rule 10b5-1 trading plan referred to in footnote 2, upon exercise of the options the shares are immediately transferred to a family trust.
- (2) This sale was effected pursuant to a pre-existing Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the reporting person.
- (3) Includes 2,166 shares acquired under the Company's Employee Stock Purchase Plan.
- (4) Not applicable.
- (5) Does not include an additional 1,136,006 options with different expiration dates and exercise prices.

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