

PEABODY ENERGY CORP  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
WALCOTT ROGER B JR

(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)  
05/15/2007

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)  
EVP - Strategy & Bus. Services

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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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	05/15/2007		M		13,587	A	\$ 10.4875	32,367	I (1)	By Trust
Common Stock	05/15/2007		M		7,520	A	\$ 19.3275	39,887	I (1)	By Trust
Common Stock	05/15/2007		S		2,000	D	\$ 50.85	37,887	I (1)	By Trust
Common Stock	05/15/2007		S		4,100	D	\$ 50.9	33,787	I (1)	By Trust
Common Stock	05/15/2007		S		100	D	\$ 50.91	33,687	I (1)	By Trust

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Common Stock	05/15/2007	S	1,800	D	\$ 50.92	31,887	I <sup>(1)</sup>	By Trust
Common Stock	05/15/2007	S	6,107	D	\$ 50.95	25,780	I <sup>(1)</sup>	By Trust
Common Stock	05/15/2007	S	200	D	\$ 50.96	25,580	I <sup>(1)</sup>	By Trust
Common Stock	05/15/2007	S	2,000	D	\$ 50.98	23,580	I <sup>(1)</sup>	By Trust
Common Stock	05/15/2007	S	300	D	\$ 50.99	23,280	I <sup>(1)</sup>	By Trust
Common Stock	05/15/2007	S	2,900	D	\$ 51	20,380	I <sup>(1)</sup>	By Trust
Common Stock	05/15/2007	S	200	D	\$ 51.01	20,180	I <sup>(1)</sup>	By Trust
Common Stock	05/15/2007	S	1,400	D	\$ 51.02	18,780	I <sup>(1)</sup>	By Trust
Common Stock						23,746	D <sup>(2)</sup>	

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)	Amount or Number of Shares	
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 10.4875	05/15/2007		M	13,587	01/02/2007	01/02/2014	Common Stock	13,587
Employee Stock	\$ 19.3275	05/15/2007		M	7,520	01/03/2007	01/03/2015	Common Stock	7,520

Option  
(right to  
buy)

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
WALCOTT ROGER B JR 701 MARKET STREET ST. LOUIS, MO 63101-1826			EVP - Strategy & Bus. Services	

## Signatures

Roger B. Walcott, Jr. By: Joseph W. Bean,  
Attorney-in-Fact 05/17/2007

\_\_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) Upon exercise of the options, the shares are immediately transferred to a family trust.
- (2) Includes 15,746 shares held pursuant to the Company's Employee Stock Purchase Plan.
- (3) Not applicable.
- (4) The numbers reported in this Column 9 of Table II do not include an additional 486,502 options with different expiration dates and exercise prices.

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