

RUSNACK WILLIAM C  
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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 \*  
RUSNACK WILLIAM C

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
C/O PEABODY ENERGY CORPORATION, 701 MARKET STREET

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
03/12/2010

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

(Street)  
ST. LOUIS, MO 63101

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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(City) (State) (Zip)

**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	03/12/2010		M			4,331	A	\$ 6.05	12,860	D	
Common Stock	03/12/2010		M			7,773	A	\$ 6.43	20,633	D	
Common Stock	03/12/2010		S			12,104	D	\$ 48.78 <u>(1)</u>	8,529	D	
Common Stock									7,632	I	By Trust



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This represents the weighted average sale price for the shares. The shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$48.57

(1) to \$48.97 per share, inclusive. The reporting person will provide upon request by the SEC staff, the issuer or a security holder of the issuer, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price.

(2) The options vested in three equal annual installments beginning January 29, 2003.

(3) Does not include options with different expiration dates and exercise prices.

(4) The options vested in three equal annual installments beginning May 3, 2003.

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