

PEABODY ENERGY CORP
Form 4
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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(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)
03/11/2008

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
___ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| | | | | (A) or (D) | Price | | |
| Common Stock | 03/11/2008 | | S ⁽¹⁾ | V 1,400 D | \$ 51.84 | 40,680 | I By Trust |
| Common Stock | 03/11/2008 | | S ⁽¹⁾ | 9,600 D | \$ 51.86 | 31,080 | I By Trust |
| Common Stock | 03/11/2008 | | S ⁽¹⁾ | 100 D | \$ 51.87 | 30,980 | I By Trust |
| Common Stock | 03/11/2008 | | S ⁽¹⁾ | 5,100 D | \$ 51.88 | 25,880 | I By Trust |
| Common Stock | 03/11/2008 | | S ⁽¹⁾ | 1,100 D | \$ 51.89 | 24,780 | I By Trust |

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|--------------|------------|------------------|-------|---|----------|-----------------------|---|----------|
| Common Stock | 03/11/2008 | S ⁽¹⁾ | 500 | D | \$ 51.96 | 24,280 | I | By Trust |
| Common Stock | 03/11/2008 | S ⁽¹⁾ | 3,800 | D | \$ 52 | 20,480 | I | By Trust |
| Common Stock | 03/11/2008 | S ⁽¹⁾ | 1,600 | D | \$ 52.04 | 18,880 | I | By Trust |
| Common Stock | 03/11/2008 | S ⁽¹⁾ | 100 | D | \$ 52.07 | 18,780 | I | By Trust |
| Common Stock | | | | | | 24,443 ⁽²⁾ | D | |

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) | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of Derivative Securities Owned Beneficially (Instr. 5) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--|--|
| | | | | Code | V (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |

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: Kenneth L. Wagner
Attorney-in-Fact

03/13/2008

__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) This exercise/sale was effected pursuant to a pre-existing Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the reporting person.
 - (2) Includes 16,443 shares held by the reporting person in the Company's Employee Stock Purchase Plan.

Remarks:

2 of 2 Form 4s - Additional transactions from March 11, 2008 are reported on a separate Form 4.

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