### PEABODY ENERGY CORP

Form 8-K

September 17, 2015

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) September 17, 2015 (September 16, 2015)

### PEABODY ENERGY CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware 1-16463 13-4004153

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization) (Commission File Number) (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

701 Market Street, St. Louis, Missouri 63101-1826 (Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code (314) 342-3400

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:

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

Item 5.07 Submission of Matters to a Vote of Security Holders.

On September 16, 2015, Peabody Energy Corporation (the "Company") held a special meeting of stockholders (the "Special Meeting") in New York, New York. At the Special Meeting, the proposals set forth below were submitted to a vote of the Company's stockholders. Of the votes received, approximately 90% of the shares of the Company's common stock voted to approve an amendment to the Company's Third Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation to effect a reverse stock split of the common stock, and if and when such reverse stock split is effected, reduce the number of authorized shares of the common stock by the approved reverse split ratio. The final voting results are as follows:

	For	Against	Abstain	<b>Broker Non-Votes</b>
Approval of an amendment to the Company's Third				
Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation				
to (i) effect a reverse stock split of the common stock	ζ			
at a ratio determined by the Company's Board of				
Directors (or any authorized committee of the Board	182,256,029	18,477,779	1,956,864	_
of Directors) from five designated alternatives and,				
(ii) if and when the reverse stock split is effected,				
reduce the number of authorized shares of the				
common stock by the approved reverse split ratio.				
Approval of the adjournment of the Special Meeting				
from time to time, if necessary or advisable (as				
determined by the Company) to solicit additional	170 045 675	27.062.460	1 001 527	
proxies in the event there are not sufficient votes at	1/2,845,6/5	27,963,460	1,881,537	
the time of the Special Meeting to approve the above	,			
determined by the Company) to solicit additional	172,845,675	27,963,460	1,881,537	_

## Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure

On September 16, 2015, the Company issued a press release announcing the reverse stock split. A copy of the press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

The above information (including Exhibit 99.1) is furnished pursuant to Item 7.01 of Form 8-K and shall not be deemed "filed" for the purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that Section, nor shall it be deemed to be incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, except as may be expressly set forth by specific reference in such filing. Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

## (d) Exhibits

The following exhibit is furnished as part of this report:

Exhibit No. Description

99.1 Company press release dated September 16, 2015.

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### **SIGNATURES**

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.

## PEABODY ENERGY CORPORATION

September 17, 2015

By: /s/ A. Verona Dorch

Name: A. Verona Dorch

Title: Executive Vice President, Chief Legal Officer,

Government Affairs and Corporate Secretary

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