

KLINGER JEFFERY L

Form 4

January 05, 2006

FORM 4**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
KLINGER JEFFERY L

(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)

01/03/2006

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

VP, GC & Sec.

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
____X____ 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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	01/03/2006		M	2,500 A	\$ 14 31,966 ⁽¹⁾	D ⁽²⁾	
Common Stock	01/03/2006		S ⁽³⁾	2,500 D	\$ 82.47 29,466 ⁽¹⁾	I ⁽²⁾	By Trust
Common Stock	01/03/2006		S ⁽³⁾	2,500 D	\$ 82.47 26,966 ⁽¹⁾	I ⁽²⁾	By Trust

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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 14	01/03/2006		M	2,500	05/21/2002 05/21/2011	Common Stock 2,
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 86.2	01/03/2006		A	3,302	01/03/2007 ⁽⁵⁾ 01/02/2016	Common Stock 3,

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
KLINGER JEFFERY L 701 MARKET STREET ST. LOUIS, MO 63101-1826			VP, GC & Sec.	

Signatures

Jeffery L. Klinger by Joseph W. Bean,
Attorney-in-Fact 01/05/2006

__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) Amount includes 1,748 shares held directly by the reporting person.

(2) Pursuant to the Rule 10b5-1 trading plan referred to in footnote 3, upon exercise of the options the shares are immediately transferred to a family trust.

(3) The sale reported in this Form 4 was effected pursuant to a pre-existing Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the reporting person.

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- (4) The numbers reported in this column 9 of Table II do not include an additional 168,642 options with different expiration dates and exercise prices.
- (5) The options vest in three equal annual installments beginning on January 3, 2007.

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