PEABODY ENERGY CORP

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FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * ENGELHARDT IRL F			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer			
			PEABODY ENERGY CORP [BTU]	(Check all applicable)			
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction				
701 MARKET STREET			(Month/Day/Year) 05/02/2006	XDirector10% OwnerOfficer (give title below) Other (specify below)			
	(Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check			
ST. LOUIS, MO 63101-1826			Filed(Month/Day/Year)	Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tabl	e I - Non-I	Derivative :	Secur	ities Acqu	iired, Disposed of	f, or Beneficial	ly 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 saction(A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common			Code V	Amount	(D)	Price \$	(Instr. 3 and 4)		
Stock	05/02/2006		M	50,000	A	6.715	592,236	D (1)	
Common Stock	05/02/2006		S(2)	100	D	\$ 69.11	592,136	I (1)	By Trust
Common Stock	05/02/2006		S(2)	800	D	\$ 69.01	591,336	I (1)	By Trust
Common Stock	05/02/2006		S(2)	100	D	\$ 69	591,236	I (1)	By Trust
Common Stock	05/02/2006		S(2)	1,000	D	\$ 68.96	590,236	I (1)	By Trust
	05/02/2006		S(2)	1,200	D		589,036	I (1)	By Trust

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Common Stock					\$ 68.95			
Common Stock	05/02/2006	S(2)	100	D	\$ 68.72	588,936	I (1)	By Trust
Common Stock	05/02/2006	S(2)	3,600	D	\$ 68.7	585,336	I (1)	By Trust
Common Stock	05/02/2006	S(2)	2,800	D	\$ 68.65	582,536	I (1)	By Trust
Common Stock	05/02/2006	S(2)	40,300	D	\$ 68.6	542,236	I (1)	By Trust
Common Stock						32,518 <u>(3)</u>	D	
Common Stock						19,422	I	By 401(k) Plan
Common Stock						4,400	I	By Spouse

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Stock

Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Conversion or Exercise (Instr. 3) Price of Derivative Security		3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of orDerivative 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)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Share
Employee Stock Option	\$ 6.715	05/02/2006		M	50,000	01/15/2003	01/15/2012	Common	50,000

Reporting Owners

(right to buy)

Relationships

Reporting Owner Name / Address

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Director 10% Owner Officer Other

ENGELHARDT IRL F
701 MARKET STREET X
ST. LOUIS, MO 63101-1826

Signatures

Irl F. Engelhardt By: Joseph W. Bean, Attorney-in-Fact

**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) Pursuant to the Rule 10b5-1 trading plan referred to in footnote 2, upon exercise of the options the shares are immediately transferred to a family trust.
- (2) This sale was effected pursuant to a pre-existing Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the reporting person.
- (3) Includes 5,606 shares aguired pursuant to the Company's Employee Stock Purchase Plan.
- (4) Not applicable.
- (5) Does not include an additional 1,826,060 options with different expiration dates and exercise prices.

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