#### PEABODY ENERGY CORP

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## FORM 4

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * BOYCE GREGORY H			2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol PEABODY ENERGY CORP [BTU]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  (Check all applicable)		
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction	(Check an applicable)		
PEABODY ENERGY CORPORATION, 701 MARKET STREET			(Month/Day/Year) 06/01/2006	_X_ Director 10% Owner _X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below) President and CEO		
	(Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check		
ST. LOUIS, MO 63101			Filed(Month/Day/Year)	Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		

(City)	(State) (	Table Table	e I - Non-D	erivative	Secur	rities Acq	uired, Disposed o	f, or Beneficial	ly Owned
1.Title of Security	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transactio	4. Securities Acquired 5. Am action(A) or Disposed of (D) Securi				6. Ownership Form: Direct	7. Nature of Indirect	
(Instr. 3)		any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)	(Instr. 3,	4 and	5)	Beneficially Owned Following	(D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
					(A) or		Reported Transaction(s)	(IIISU: +)	(IIIsu: +)
			Code V	Amount	(D)	Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)		
Common Stock	06/01/2006		M	5,000	A	\$ 7.955	45,000 (1)	D	
Common Stock	06/01/2006		S(2)	5,000	D	\$ 65	40,000 (1)	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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number on f Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	tive Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) of		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 7.955	06/01/2006		M	5,000	10/01/2004	10/01/2013	Common Stock	5,000

## **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
Treporting Officer Limitor, Time 1999	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
BOYCE GREGORY H PEABODY ENERGY CORPORATION 701 MARKET STREET ST. LOUIS, MO 63101	X		President and CEO			
Signatures						

## **Signatures**

Gregory H. Boyce By: Joseph W. Bean, Attorney-in-Fact 06/02/2006

\*\*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) Does not include 3,073 shares acquired pursuant to the Company's Employee Stock Purchase Plan.
- (2) This sale was effected pursuant to a pre-existing Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the reporting person.
- (3) Not applicable.
- (4) Does not include an additional 895,072 options with different expiration dates and exercise prices.

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