

PEABODY ENERGY CORP  
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**FORM 4**

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

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
ENGELHARDT IRL F

(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)  
07/18/2006

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)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	07/18/2006		M	V Amount (A) or (D) Price 37,560 A \$ 7.2975	579,796	D (1)	
Common Stock	07/18/2006		M	12,440 A \$ 7	592,236	D (1)	
Common Stock	07/18/2006		S(2)	10,000 D \$ 51.86	582,236	I (1)	By Trust
Common Stock	07/18/2006		S(2)	1,000 D \$ 52.08	581,236	I (1)	By Trust
Common Stock	07/18/2006		S(2)	9,000 D \$ 52	572,236	I (1)	By Trust
Common Stock	07/18/2006		S(2)	3,700 D \$ 52.94	568,536	I (1)	By Trust

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Common Stock									
Common Stock	07/18/2006	S <sup>(2)</sup>	6,300	D	\$ 52.8	562,236	I <sup>(1)</sup>		By Trust
Common Stock	07/18/2006	S <sup>(2)</sup>	3,700	D	\$ 52.66	558,536	I <sup>(1)</sup>		By Trust
Common Stock	07/18/2006	S <sup>(2)</sup>	15,900	D	\$ 52.5	542,636	I <sup>(1)</sup>		By Trust
Common Stock	07/18/2006	S <sup>(2)</sup>	400	D	\$ 52.63	542,236	I <sup>(1)</sup>		By Trust
Common Stock						32,874 <sup>(3)</sup>	D		
Common Stock						19,442	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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**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)	Amount or Number of Shares	
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 7.2975	07/18/2006		M	37,560	01/02/2004 01/02/2013	Common Stock	37,560	
Employee Stock Option (right to	\$ 7	07/18/2006		M	12,440	05/21/2004 05/21/2011	Common Stock	12,440	

buy)

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
ENGELHARDT IRL F 701 MARKET STREET ST. LOUIS, MO 63101-1826	X			

## Signatures

Irl F. Engelhardt By: Joseph W. Bean, 07/19/2006  
 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 5,962 shares acquired pursuant to the Company's Employee Stock Purchase Plan.
- (4) Not applicable.
- (5) Does not include an additional 1,561,132 options with different expiration dates and exercise prices.

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