#### PEABODY ENERGY CORP

Form 4

December 05, 2007

# FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Symbol

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

FIEHLER SHARON D

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*

|   |  | PEABODY ENERGY CORP [BTU]  |   |                                       |  |  | (Check all applicable) |  |  |   |  |
|---|--|--|---|---------------------------------------|--|--|------------------------|--|--|---|--|
| (Last) (First) (Middle) 701 MARKET STREET |  |  | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 12/03/2007 |                                       |  |  |                        | Director 10% Owner X Officer (give title Other (specify below)   |  |   |  |
| ST. LOUIS,                                | 4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year) |  |   |                                       |  | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person |                        |  |  |   |  |
| (City)                                    | (State)  | (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned |   |                                       |  |  |                        |  |  | ly Owned  |  |
| 1.Title of<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3)      | 2. Transaction Dat<br>(Month/Day/Year)               | Execution any  |   | 3.<br>Transacti<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 4. Securi<br>on(A) or Di<br>(Instr. 3, | sposed   | of (D)                 | 5. Amount of<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of<br>Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |  |
| Common<br>Stock                           | 12/03/2007   |  |   | S <u>(1)</u>                          | 100                                    | D  | \$<br>55.37            | 51,535 <u>(2)</u>  | D  |   |  |
| Common<br>Stock                           | 12/03/2007   |  |   | S(1)                                  | 100                                    | D  | \$<br>55.36            | 51,435 (2)   | D  |   |  |
| Common<br>Stock                           | 12/03/2007   |  |   | S <u>(1)</u>                          | 200                                    | D  | \$<br>55.35            | 51,235 (2)   | D  |   |  |
| Common<br>Stock                           | 12/03/2007   |  |   | S <u>(1)</u>                          | 500                                    | D  | \$<br>55.31            | 50,735 (2)   | D  |   |  |
| Common<br>Stock                           | 12/03/2007   |  |   | S <u>(1)</u>                          | 200                                    | D  | \$<br>55.27            | 50,535 (2)   | D  |   |  |

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| Common<br>Stock | 12/03/2007 | S <u>(1)</u> | 100    | D | \$<br>55.26 | 50,435 (2)        | D |                  |
|-----------------|------------|--------------|--------|---|-------------|-------------------|---|------------------|
| Common<br>Stock | 12/03/2007 | S(1)         | 300    | D | \$<br>55.25 | 50,135 (2)        | D |                  |
| Common<br>Stock | 12/03/2007 | S(1)         | 400    | D | \$<br>55.21 | 49,735 (2)        | D |                  |
| Common<br>Stock | 12/03/2007 | S <u>(1)</u> | 100    | D | \$<br>55.19 | 49,635 (2)        | D |                  |
| Common<br>Stock | 12/03/2007 | S(1)         | 100    | D | \$<br>55.18 | 49,535 (2)        | D |                  |
| Common<br>Stock | 12/03/2007 | S(1)         | 10,950 | D | \$<br>55.15 | 38,585 <u>(2)</u> | D |                  |
| Common<br>Stock | 12/03/2007 | S(1)         | 100    | D | \$<br>55.13 | 38,485 <u>(2)</u> | D |                  |
| Common<br>Stock | 12/03/2007 | S(1)         | 2,700  | D | \$<br>55.05 | 35,785 <u>(2)</u> | D |                  |
| Common<br>Stock | 12/03/2007 | S(1)         | 30,000 | D | \$<br>55.04 | 5,785 <u>(2)</u>  | D |                  |
| Common<br>Stock | 12/03/2007 | S(1)         | 1,200  | D | \$<br>55.01 | 4,585 (2)         | D |                  |
| Common<br>Stock | 12/03/2007 | S <u>(1)</u> | 2,000  | D | \$ 55       | 2,585 <u>(2)</u>  | D |                  |
| Common<br>Stock | 12/03/2007 | S(1)         | 200    | D | \$<br>54.98 | 2,385 (2)         | D |                  |
| Common<br>Stock | 12/03/2007 | S(1)         | 400    | D | \$<br>54.96 | 1,985 (2)         | D |                  |
| Common<br>Stock |            |              |        |   |             | 74,468            | I | By Family<br>LLC |

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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 | 2.          | 3. Transaction Date | 3A. Deemed         | 4.          | 5.         | 6. Date Exercisable and | 7. Title and     | 8. Price of | 9. Nu |
|-------------|-------------|---------------------|--------------------|-------------|------------|-------------------------|------------------|-------------|-------|
| Derivative  | Conversion  | (Month/Day/Year)    | Execution Date, if | Transaction | orNumber   | Expiration Date         | Amount of        | Derivative  | Deriv |
| Security    | or Exercise |                     | any                | Code        | of         | (Month/Day/Year)        | Underlying       | Security    | Secui |
| (Instr. 3)  | Price of    |                     | (Month/Day/Year)   | (Instr. 8)  | Derivativ  | re                      | Securities       | (Instr. 5)  | Bene  |
|             | Derivative  |                     |                    |             | Securities | S                       | (Instr. 3 and 4) |             | Owne  |
|             | Security    |                     |                    |             | Acquired   |                         |                  |             | Follo |
|             |             |                     |                    |             | (A) or     |                         |                  |             | Repo  |
|             |             |                     |                    |             |            |                         |                  |             |       |

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Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)

Code V (A) (D) Date Exercisable

Date

Expiration Title Amount

or Number

of Shares

# **Reporting Owners**

Relationships Reporting Owner Name / Address

> Director 10% Owner Officer

Other

FIEHLER SHARON D 701 MARKET STREET ST. LOUIS, MO 63101

EVP - Human Resources & Admin.

## **Signatures**

Sharon D. Fiehler By: Kenneth L. Wagner Attorney-in-Fact

12/05/2007

\*\*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).
- This exercise/sale was effected pursuant to a pre-existing Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the reporting person.
- Includes 1,985 shares held by the reporting person in the Company's Employee Stock Purchase Plan.

#### **Remarks:**

2 of 2 Form 4s - Additional transactions from December 3, 2007 are reported on a separate Form 4.

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