

PEABODY ENERGY CORP

Form 4

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

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1(b).

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

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
**BOYCE GREGORY H**

(Last) (First) (Middle)

**PEABODY ENERGY  
CORPORATION, 701 MARKET  
STREET**

(Street)

**ST. LOUIS, MO 63101**

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading  
Symbol

**PEABODY ENERGY CORP [BTU]**

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)

**12/04/2007**

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)

Chairman and CEO

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check  
Applicable Line)

☒ Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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Person

**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	12/04/2007		M <sup>(1)</sup>	50,000	A \$ 7.9674	150,000 <sup>(2)</sup>	D
Common Stock	12/04/2007		S <sup>(1)</sup>	9,700	D \$ 56.15	140,300 <sup>(2)</sup>	D
Common Stock	12/04/2007		S <sup>(1)</sup>	700	D \$ 56.14	139,600 <sup>(2)</sup>	D
Common Stock	12/04/2007		S <sup>(1)</sup>	200	D \$ 56.11	139,400 <sup>(2)</sup>	D
Common Stock	12/04/2007		S <sup>(1)</sup>	300	D \$ 56.1	139,100 <sup>(2)</sup>	D

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Common Stock	12/04/2007	S <sup>(1)</sup>	1,000	D	\$ 56.09	138,100 <sup>(2)</sup>	D
Common Stock	12/04/2007	S <sup>(1)</sup>	1,900	D	\$ 56.08	136,200 <sup>(2)</sup>	D
Common Stock	12/04/2007	S <sup>(1)</sup>	2,000	D	\$ 56.07	134,200 <sup>(2)</sup>	D
Common Stock	12/04/2007	S <sup>(1)</sup>	400	D	\$ 56.06	133,800 <sup>(2)</sup>	D
Common Stock	12/04/2007	S <sup>(1)</sup>	1,300	D	\$ 56.05	132,500 <sup>(2)</sup>	D
Common Stock	12/04/2007	S <sup>(1)</sup>	1,800	D	\$ 56.04	130,700 <sup>(2)</sup>	D
Common Stock	12/04/2007	S <sup>(1)</sup>	600	D	\$ 56.03	130,100 <sup>(2)</sup>	D
Common Stock	12/04/2007	S <sup>(1)</sup>	100	D	\$ 56.02	130,000 <sup>(2)</sup>	D
Common Stock	12/04/2007	S <sup>(1)</sup>	30,000	D	\$ 56	100,000 <sup>(2)</sup>	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. 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)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title Amount or Number of Share
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 7.9674	12/04/2007		M <sup>(1)</sup>	50,000	10/01/2003 10/01/2013	Common Stock 50,000

## Reporting Owners

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

## Signatures

Gregory H. Boyce 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).

(1) This exercise/sale was effected pursuant to a pre-existing Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the reporting person.

(2) Does not include 4,329 shares acquired pursuant to the Company's Employee Stock Purchase Plan.

(3) Not applicable.

(4) Does not include an additional 829,448 options with different expiration dates and exercise prices.

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