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(Print or Type R	esponses)									
1. Name and Address of Reporting Person <u>*</u> Ford Eric			Symbol	er Name an o DDY ENH		-	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer			
(Last)	(First) (PEABODY ENERGY CORP [BTU] Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction					(Check all applicable)		
701 MARKET STREET			(Month/Day/Year) 01/04/2010			Director 10% Owner X Officer (give title Other (specify below) Exec. VP & COO				
(Street)			4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)			6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)				
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	2. Transaction Date Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution I any (Month/Day	d Date, if	3. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securiti nAcquired Disposed (Instr. 3, 4	(A) or of (D) and 5) (A) or	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect	
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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. Number of	6. Date Exercisable and	7. Title and Amount of
Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transacti	orDerivative	Expiration Date	Underlying Securities
Security	or Exercise		any	Code	Securities	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 3 and 4)

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(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr.		Acquired (or Dispose (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	d of				
				Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 47.87	01/04/2010		А		32,853		<u>(1)</u>	01/04/2020	Common Stock	32,853

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships							
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other				
Ford Eric 701 MARKET STREET ST. LOUIS, MO 63101			Exec. VP & COO					
Signatures								
Eric Ford By: Kenneth L. Wag Attorney-in-Fact	ner		01/06/2010					
<u>**</u> Signature of Reporting Pe	erson		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) The options vest in three equal annual installments beginning January 5, 2011.
- (2) Does not include employee stock options with different expiration dates and exercise prices.

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