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Common

Stock

01/05/2012

(Print or Type Responses)

		Symbol	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol PEABODY ENERGY CORP [BTU]				5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)			
		PEABO								
(Last)	(First) (N		f Earliest Tra	nsaction						
701 MARK		(Month/Day/Year) 01/05/2012				Director 10% OwnerX Officer (give title Other (specify below) EVP - Technical Services				
	4. If Ame	4. If Amendment, Date Original				6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check				
		Filed(Mo	Filed(Month/Day/Year)				Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person			
ST. LOUIS,						Form filed by More than One Reporting Person				
(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tab	le I - Non-De	erivative	Secur	ities Acq	uired, Disposed o	f, or Beneficial	ly Owned	
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securi (A) or Di (Instr. 3,	ispose	d of (D) 5) Price	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	01/05/2012		F	3,416	D	\$ 36.31	39,910 <u>(1)</u>	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)

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				Code V	(A) (D)				Shares		

Reporting Owners

Relationships Reporting Owner Name / Address

> Officer Other Director 10% Owner

Hull Jeane L.

701 MARKET STREET **EVP - Technical Services**

ST. LOUIS, MO 63101

Signatures

Jeanne L. Hull By: Kenneth L. Wagner 01/09/2012 Attorney-in-Fact

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

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- 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) Includes 1503 shares held by the reporting person in the Company's Employee Stock Purchase Plan.
- (2) Includes 1018 shares held by the reporting person in the Company's Employee Stock Purchase Plan.

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