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FORM	FORM 4 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANCE COMMISSION									PPROVAL	
	UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISS Washington, D.C. 20549						COMMISSION	OMB Number:	3235-0287		
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Form 5 obligation may cont <i>See</i> Instru 1(b).	ns Section 17	Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940									
(Print or Type F	Responses)										
			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol PEABODY ENERGY CORP [BTU]					5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer			
(Last)	(First) (Middle)		Earliest Tr		L	- 1	(Chec	k all applicable	e)	
(M			(Month/D 01/26/20	ay/Year)	ansaction			Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify below) Pres & Chief Comm. Officer			
Filed(Mor				endment, Date Original onth/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 			
ST. LOUIS,	MO 63101-182	6						Person		porting	
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Table	e I - Non-D	erivative S	ecurit	ies Acq	uired, Disposed of	f, or Beneficial	lly Owned	
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	any		med on Date, if Day/Year)	3. 4. Securities Acquired Transaction(A) or Disposed of Code (D) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (A)		of	Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)			
				Code V	Amount	or (D)	Price	Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)			
Common Stock	01/26/2012			A <u>(1)</u>	55,261	A	\$0	213,508	Ι	By Family Trust	
Common Stock								41,356	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. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	5. orNumber of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	;	Date	Secur	int of rlying	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Nu Deriv Secur Bene Owno Follo Repo Trans (Instr
				Code V		Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
F B	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
NAVARRE RICHARD A 701 MARKET STREET ST. LOUIS, MO 63101-1826			Pres & Chief Comm. Officer				
Signatures							
Richard A. Navarre By: Kenne Attorney-in-Fact	th L. Wag	gner	01/30/2012				

<u>**</u>Signature of Reporting Person

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

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(1) The securities were issued to the reporting person pursuant to the payout of a performance unit award under the Issuer's Long-Term Equity Incentive Plan. The shares were immediately transferred to a family trust upon receipt.

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