#### **BOYCE GREGORY H**

Form 5

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### FORM 5

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See Instruction
1(b). Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934,
Form 3 Holdings Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section
Reported
Form 4
30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

Form 4

Transactions Reported

1. Name and Ad-BOYCE GRE	*	orting Person *	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol PEABODY ENERGY CORP [BTU]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer			
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Statement for Issuer's Fiscal Year Ended	(Check all applicable)			
PEABODY ENERGY CORPORATION, 701 MARKET STREET		MARKET	(Month/Day/Year) 12/31/2011	_X_ Director 10% Owner _X_ Officer (give title Other (specibelow) below)  Chairman and CEO			
(Street)			4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Reporting			
			Filed(Month/Day/Year)	(check applicable line)			

#### ST. LOUIS, MOÂ 63101

(State)

(Zip)

(City)

\_X\_ Form Filed by One Reporting Person \_\_\_ Form Filed by More than One Reporting Person

		Table 1-1001-Delivative Securities Acquired, Disposed 61, 61 Delicitionary Owned								
1.Title of Security	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if	3. Transaction	4. Securities Acquired (A) or			5. Amount of Securities	6. Ownership Form: Direct	7. Nature of Indirect	
(Instr. 3)	(1/10/10/12/14)	any	Code	Disposed of (D)		Beneficially	(D) or	Beneficial		
(,		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	(Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		Owned at end	Indirect (I)	Ownership		
		( <u>,</u> ,	, , , ,	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	of Issuer's Fiscal Year (Instr. 3 and 4)	(Instr. 4)	(Instr. 4)	
Common Stock	07/21/2011	Â	G <u>(1)</u>	5,919	D	\$ 0 (2)	986 (3) (4)	D	Â	
Common Stock	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	124,850	I	By Family Trust	

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

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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		4.	5.	6. Date Exerc	cisable and	7. Titl	e and	8. Price of
Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transaction	Number	Expiration D	ate	Amou	int of	Derivative
Security	or Exercise		any	Code	of	(Month/Day/	Year)	Under	lying	Security
(Instr. 3)	Price of		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Derivative	e		Secur	ities	(Instr. 5)
	Derivative				Securities			(Instr.	3 and 4)	
	Security				Acquired					
	•				(A) or					
					Disposed					
					of (D)					
					(Instr. 3,					
					4, and 5)					
					.,					
									Amount	
						Date	Expiration		or	
						Exercisable	Date	Title	Number	
						Exercisable	Date		of	
					(A) (D)				Shares	

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## **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

BOYCE GREGORY H PEABODY ENERGY CORPORATION 701 MARKET STREET ST. LOUIS, MOÂ 63101

 $\hat{A} \ X \qquad \hat{A} \qquad \hat{A} \quad \text{Chairman and CEO} \quad \hat{A}$ 

## **Signatures**

Gregory H. Boyce By: Kenneth L. Wagner
Attorney-in-Fact
01/30/2012

\*\*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 transaction involved a gift of securities by the reporting person to a family trust.
- (2) Not applicable.
- (3) The amount of securities have been adjusted to correct the total number of shares owned by the Reporting Person that were erroneously overstated.
- (4) Shares held pursuant to the Company's Employee Stock Purchase Plan.

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