

PEABODY ENERGY CORP

Form 8-K

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported) **October 16, 2003**

PEABODY ENERGY CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

1-16463

13-4004153

(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation or organization)

(Commission File Number)

(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

701 Market Street, St. Louis, Missouri

63101

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code **(314) 342-3400**

N/A

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report.)

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Item 9. Regulation FD Disclosure.

Item 12. Disclosure of Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

The information in this report is being furnished under Item 9, "Regulation FD Disclosure" and Item 12, "Disclosure of Results of Operations and Financial Condition."

On October 16, 2003, Peabody Energy Corporation ("Peabody") issued a press release setting forth Peabody's third quarter 2003 earnings, and providing guidance on Peabody's full year 2003 forecasted results. A copy of Peabody's press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1. This press release includes certain non-GAAP and pro forma financial measures. A reconciliation of those measures to the most directly related comparable GAAP measure is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.2.

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SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

PEABODY ENERGY CORPORATION

Date: October 16, 2003

/s/ RICHARD A. NAVARRE

Richard A. Navarre
Executive Vice President and
Chief Financial Officer

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EXHIBIT INDEX

The exhibits below are numbered in accordance with the Exhibit Table of Item 601 of Regulation S-K.

Exhibit No.	Description of Exhibit
99.1	Press release of Peabody Energy Corporation dated October 16, 2003.
99.2	Reconciliations of non-GAAP and pro forma financial measures.