#### PEABODY ENERGY CORP

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# FORM 4

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Add ENGELHAR	*	ting Person *	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol PEABODY ENERGY CORP [BTU]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer		
a a a a a a a a a a a a a a a a a a a		(Middle)		(Check all applicable)		
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction	V D' 100 0		
701 MARKET STREET			(Month/Day/Year) 03/15/2006	X_ Director 10% Owner Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)		
	(Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check		
			Filed(Month/Day/Year)	Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person		
ST. LOUIS, MO 63101-1826				Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tab	le I - Non-l	Derivative	Secur	ities Acqui	red, Disposed of	or Beneficiall	y Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securit oppor Dispos (Instr. 3, 4	ed of (		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	03/15/2006		M	45,132	` ′	\$ 3.5725	587,368 <u>(1)</u>	D (2)	
Common Stock	03/15/2006		M	54,868	A	\$ 7	642,236	D (2)	
Common Stock	03/15/2006		S(3)	400	D	\$ 47.01	641,836	I (2)	By Family Trust
Common Stock	03/15/2006		S(3)	600	D	\$ 47	641,236	I (2)	By Family Trust
Common	03/15/2006		S(3)	500	D	\$ 46.96	640,736	I (2)	Ву

Stock								Family Trust
Common Stock	03/15/2006	S(3)	500	D	\$ 46.95	640,236	I (2)	By Family Trust
Common Stock	03/15/2006	S(3)	6,000	D	\$ 46.9	634,236	I (2)	By Family Trust
Common Stock	03/15/2006	S(3)	100	D	\$ 46.86	634,136	I (2)	By Family Trust
Common Stock	03/15/2006	S(3)	700	D	\$ 46.85	633,436	I (2)	By Family Trust
Common Stock	03/15/2006	S(3)	100	D	\$ 46.84	633,336	I (2)	By Family Trust
Common Stock	03/15/2006	S(3)	900	D	\$ 46.83	632,436	I (2)	By Family Trust
Common Stock	03/15/2006	S(3)	500	D	\$ 46.82	631,936	I (2)	By Family Trust
Common Stock	03/15/2006	S(3)	3,800	D	\$ 46.8	628,136	I (2)	By Family Trust
Common Stock	03/15/2006	S(3)	600	D	\$ 46.79	627,536	I (2)	By Family Trust
Common Stock	03/15/2006	S(3)	800	D	\$ 46.78	626,736	I (2)	By Family Trust
Common Stock	03/15/2006	S(3)	2,100	D	\$ 46.77	624,636	I (2)	By Family Trust
Common Stock	03/15/2006	S(3)	700	D	\$ 46.76	623,936	I (2)	By Family Trust
Common Stock	03/15/2006	S(3)	31,900	D	\$ 46.75	592,036	I (2)	By Family Trust
Common Stock	03/15/2006	S(3)	3,900	D	\$ 46.72	588,136	I (2)	By Family Trust

Common Stock	03/15/2006	S(3)	400	D	\$ 46.71	587,736	I (2)	By Family Trust
Common Stock	03/15/2006	S(3)	10,600	D	\$ 46.7	577,136	I (2)	By Family Trust
Common Stock	03/15/2006	S(3)	500	D	\$ 46.68	576,636	I (2)	By Family Trust
Common Stock	03/15/2006	S(3)	1,400	D	\$ 46.67	575,236	I (2)	By Family Trust
Common Stock	03/15/2006	S(3)	300	D	\$ 46.66	574,936	I (2)	By Family Trust
Common Stock	03/15/2006	S(3)	6,500	D	\$ 46.65	568,436	I (2)	By Family Trust
Common Stock	03/15/2006	S(3)	400	D	\$ 46.64	568,036	I (2)	By Family Trust
Common Stock	03/15/2006	S(3)	100	D	\$ 46.62	567,936	I (2)	By Family Trust
Common Stock	03/15/2006	S(3)	3,000	D	\$ 46.61	564,936	I (2)	By Family Trust
Common Stock	03/15/2006	S(3)	3,000	D	\$ 46.6	561,936	I (2)	By Family Trust
Common Stock	03/15/2006	S(3)	1,500	D	\$ 46.59	560,436	I (2)	By Family Trust

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	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5. Number of	6. Date Exercisable and	7. Title and Amount
Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	TransactionDerivative		Expiration Date	Underlying Securitie
Security	or Exercise		any	Code	Securities	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 3 and 4)

(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr.	8)	Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4,		or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4,					
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amou or Numb of Sha				
Employee Stock Option (right to buy) (4)	\$ 3.5725	03/15/2006		M			45,132	05/22/2001	01/01/2011	Common Stock	45,1				
Employee Stock Option (right to buy) (4)	\$ 7	03/15/2006		M			54,868	05/21/2002(7)	05/21/2011	Common Stock	54,8				

# **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships								
• 0	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other					
ENGELHARDT IRL F 701 MARKET STREET ST. LOUIS, MO 63101-1826	X								

# **Signatures**

/s/ Irl F. Engelhardt By: Jeffery L. Klinger, Attorney-in-Fact

03/17/2006 Date

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person

## **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) Amounts have been adjusted to reflect the 2-for-1 stock split effected by the Company in February 2006.
- (2) Pursuant to the Rule 10b5-1 trading plan referred to in footnote 3, upon exercise of the options the shares are immediately transferred to a family trust.
- (3) This sale was effected pursuant to a pre-existing Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the reporting person.
- (4) The number of outstanding stock options and corresponding exercise prices have been adjusted to reflect the 2-for-1 stock split effected by the Company in February 2006.
- (5) Not applicable.
- (6) Does not include an additional 1,858,636 options with different expiration dates and exercise prices.
- (7) Of the 54,868 options exercised, 51,786 were exercisable on May 21, 2001 and 3,082 were exercisable on May 21, 2003.

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#### **Remarks:**

1 of 2 Form 4s - Additional transactions from March 15, 2006 are reported in a separate Form 4.

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