

WHITING RICHARD M  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
**WHITING RICHARD M**

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
**701 MARKET STREET**  
  
(Street)

**ST. LOUIS, MO 63101-1826**

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
**PEABODY ENERGY CORP [BTU]**

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
**02/03/2005**

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
**EVP - Sales and Marketing**

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D) Code V Amount Price			
Common Stock	02/03/2005		M	5,000 A \$ 14.29	45,249 <sup>(1)</sup>	I	By Trust
Common Stock	02/03/2005		S <sup>(2)</sup>	5,000 D \$ 87.5	40,249 <sup>(1)</sup>	I	By 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 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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 14.29	02/03/2005		M	3,853	05/22/2001 <sup>(3)</sup> 05/19/2008	Common Stock	3,853
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 14.29	02/03/2005		M	1,147	05/22/2001 01/01/2011	Common Stock	1,147

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
WHITING RICHARD M 701 MARKET STREET ST. LOUIS, MO 63101-1826			EVP - Sales and Marketing	

## Signatures

Richard M. Whiting by Joseph W. Bean,  
Attorney-in-Fact  
02/07/2005

\_\_\_\_\_  
\*\*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) Amount shown does not include 2,278 shares held directly by Mr. Whiting.
- (2) This sale was effected pursuant to a pre-existing Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the reporting person.
- (3) Of the 3,853 options exercised, 2906 vested on May 22, 2001 and 947 vested on May 19, 2003.

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