

PEABODY ENERGY CORP  
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**FORM 4**

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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 \*  
**WALCOTT ROGER B JR**

(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)  
**04/24/2006**

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 - Corporate Development**

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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount (A) or (D) Price		
Common Stock	04/24/2006		M		18,956 A \$ 7.2975	51,736	D <sup>(1)</sup>
Common Stock	04/24/2006		M		13,585 A \$ 10.4875	65,321	D <sup>(1)</sup>
Common Stock	04/24/2006		M		7,520 A \$ 19.3275	72,841	D <sup>(1)</sup>
Common Stock	04/24/2006		S		2,261 D \$ 65.15	70,580	I <sup>(1)</sup> By Trust
Common Stock	04/24/2006		S		1,000 D \$ 65.13	69,580	I <sup>(1)</sup> By Trust

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Common Stock	04/24/2006	S	100	D	\$ 65.12	69,480	I <sup>(1)</sup>	By Trust
Common Stock	04/24/2006	S	200	D	\$ 65.1	69,280	I <sup>(1)</sup>	By Trust
Common Stock	04/24/2006	S	200	D	\$ 65.09	69,080	I <sup>(1)</sup>	By Trust
Common Stock	04/24/2006	S	1,000	D	\$ 65.06	68,080	I <sup>(1)</sup>	By Trust
Common Stock	04/24/2006	S	2,500	D	\$ 65.05	65,580	I <sup>(1)</sup>	By Trust
Common Stock	04/24/2006	S	800	D	\$ 65.01	64,780	I <sup>(1)</sup>	By Trust
Common Stock	04/24/2006	S	3,200	D	\$ 65	61,580	I <sup>(1)</sup>	By Trust
Common Stock	04/24/2006	S	500	D	\$ 64.96	61,080	I <sup>(1)</sup>	By Trust
Common Stock	04/24/2006	S	1,300	D	\$ 64.9	59,780	I <sup>(1)</sup>	By Trust
Common Stock	04/24/2006	S	400	D	\$ 64.87	59,380	I <sup>(1)</sup>	By Trust
Common Stock	04/24/2006	S	1,100	D	\$ 64.86	58,280	I <sup>(1)</sup>	By Trust
Common Stock	04/24/2006	S	3,000	D	\$ 64.85	55,280	I <sup>(1)</sup>	By Trust
Common Stock	04/24/2006	S	400	D	\$ 64.82	54,880	I <sup>(1)</sup>	By Trust
Common Stock	04/24/2006	S	4,400	D	\$ 64.8	50,480	I <sup>(1)</sup>	By Trust
Common Stock	04/24/2006	S	100	D	\$ 64.79	50,380	I <sup>(1)</sup>	By Trust
Common Stock	04/24/2006	S	300	D	\$ 64.78	50,080	I <sup>(1)</sup>	By Trust
Common Stock	04/24/2006	S	2,600	D	\$ 64.77	47,480	I <sup>(1)</sup>	By Trust
Common Stock	04/24/2006	S	500	D	\$ 64.76	46,980	I <sup>(1)</sup>	By Trust
Common Stock	04/24/2006	S	3,400	D	\$ 64.75	43,580	I <sup>(1)</sup>	By Trust
Common Stock	04/24/2006	S	700	D	\$ 64.74	42,880	I <sup>(1)</sup>	By Trust
	04/24/2006	S	1,600	D	\$ 64.73	41,280	I <sup>(1)</sup>	By Trust

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Common Stock									
Common Stock	04/24/2006		S	900	D	\$ 64.71	40,380	I <sup>(1)</sup>	By Trust
Common Stock	04/24/2006		S	5,200	D	\$ 64.7	35,180	I <sup>(1)</sup>	By Trust
Common Stock	04/24/2006		S	200	D	\$ 64.68	34,980	I <sup>(1)</sup>	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)		
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (right to buy) <sup>(2)</sup>	\$ 7.2975	04/24/2006		M	18,956	01/02/2006	01/02/2013	Common Stock	18,956
Employee Stock Option (right to buy) <sup>(2)</sup>	\$ 10.4875	04/24/2006		M	13,585	01/02/2006	01/02/2014	Common Stock	13,585
Employee Stock Option (right to buy) <sup>(2)</sup>	\$ 19.3275	04/24/2006		M	7,520	01/03/2006	01/03/2015	Common Stock	7,520

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
WALCOTT ROGER B JR 701 MARKET STREET ST. LOUIS, MO 63101-1826			EVP - Corporate Development	

## Signatures

Roger B. Walcott, Jr. By: Joseph W. Bean,  
Attorney-in-Fact 04/26/2006

\_\_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) Upon exercise of the options, the shares are immediately transferred to a family trust.
- (2) The number of outstanding stock options and exercise prices have been adjusted to reflect the 2-for-1 stock split effected by the Company in February 2006.
- (3) Not applicable.
- (4) The numbers reported in this Column 9 of Table II do not include an additional 455,750 options with different expiration dates and exercise prices.

### Remarks:

1 of 2 Form 4's-- Additional transactions from 4/24/2006 are reported on a separate Form 4.

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