

PEABODY ENERGY CORP

Form 3

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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934,
Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section
30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

Â Bowen Rick A
(Last) (First) (Middle)

701 MARKET STREET

(Street)

ST. LOUIS,Â MOÂ 63101

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Date of Event Requiring Statement

(Month/Day/Year)
02/19/2007

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

4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

____ Director ____ 10% Owner
__X__ Officer ____ Other
(give title below) (specify below)
Pres. of Gen. & Btu Conv.

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
__X__ Form filed by One Reporting Person
____ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned1. Title of Security
(Instr. 4)2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned
(Instr. 4)

3. Ownership Form:
Direct (D)
or Indirect (I)
(Instr. 5)

4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership
(Instr. 5)

Common Stock

11,301 ⁽¹⁾

D Â

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

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Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)1. Title of Derivative Security
(Instr. 4)2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date
(Month/Day/Year)

Date Exercisable Expiration Date

3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security
(Instr. 4)

Title Amount or Number of

4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security

5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security:
Direct (D)
or Indirect

6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership
(Instr. 5)

				Shares		(I) (Instr. 5)	
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	01/03/2008 ⁽²⁾	01/03/2017	Common Stock	12,535	\$ 37.84	D	Â

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Bowen Rick A 701 MARKET STREET ST. LOUIS, MO 63101	Â	Â	Â Pres. of Gen. & Btu Conv.	Â

Signatures

Rick A. Bowen 02/23/2007

Signature of
Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(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) Includes 901 shares acquired pursuant to the Company's Employee Stock Purchase Plan.

(2) The options vest in three equal annual installments beginning January 3, 2008.

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