

KARN ROBERT B III

Form 4

November 18, 2010

FORM 4**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
KARN ROBERT B III

(Last) (First) (Middle)

**C/O PEABODY ENERGY
CORPORATION,, 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)

11/17/2010

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)

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

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)
Common Stock	11/17/2010		M	4,331 A	\$ 6.3162	13,132	D
Common Stock	11/17/2010		M	7,595 A	\$ 6.5841	20,727	D
Common Stock	11/17/2010		S	11,926 D	\$ 56.39	8,801	D
Common Stock						10,912	I By Trust
Common Stock						840	I 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 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)		8. I Der Sec (In	
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Director Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 6.3162	11/17/2010		M		4,331		<u>(1)</u>	01/16/2013	Common Stock	4,331
Director Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 6.5841	11/17/2010		M		7,595		<u>(4)</u>	05/06/2013	Common Stock	7,595

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

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ST. LOUIS, MO 63101-1826

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Signatures

Robert B. Karn, III By: Kenneth L. Wagner
Attorney-in-Fact

11/18/2010

__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) The options vested in three equal annual installments beginning January 16, 2004.
- (2) Not applicable.
- (3) Does not include director stock options with different expiration dates and exercise prices.
- (4) The options vested in three equal annual installments beginning May 6, 2004.

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