

PEABODY ENERGY CORP

Form 4

December 13, 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 *
COLEY WILLIAM A

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O PEABODY ENERGY
CORPORATION, 701 MARKET
STREET

(Street)

ST. LOUIS, MO 63101

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading
Symbol

PEABODY ENERGY CORP [BTU]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)

12/09/2010

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	12/09/2010		M	V Amount (A) or (D) 4,331 A	\$ 10.2122	17,413	D
Common Stock	12/09/2010		M	4,525 A	\$ 11.965	21,938	D
Common Stock	12/09/2010		S	4,331 D	\$ 62 ⁽¹⁾	17,607	D
Common Stock	12/09/2010		S	4,525 D	\$ 61.92 ⁽²⁾	13,082	D

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. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Director Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 10.2122	12/09/2010		M		4,331	(3)	03/22/2014		Common Stock	4,331
Director Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 11.965	12/09/2010		M		4,525	(6)	05/06/2014		Common Stock	4,525

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
COLEY WILLIAM A C/O PEABODY ENERGY CORPORATION 701 MARKET STREET ST. LOUIS, MO 63101	X			

Signatures

William A.Coley By: Kenneth L. Wagner
Attorney-in-Fact

12/13/2010

__Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

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This represents the weighted average sale price for the shares. The shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$61.97 to \$62.05 per share, inclusive. The reporting person will provide upon request by the SEC staff, the issuer or a security holder of the issuer, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price.

This represents the weighted average sale price for the shares. The shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$61.91 to \$61.97 per share, inclusive. The reporting person will provide upon request by the SEC staff, the issuer or a security holder of the issuer, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price.

(3) The options vested in three equal annual installments beginning March 22, 2005.

(4) Not applicable.

(5) Does not include director stock options with different expiration dates and exercise prices.

(6) The options vested in three equal annual installments beginning May 6, 2005.

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