

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 \*  
**WHITING RICHARD M**

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 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)  
**06/10/2005**

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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount or Price		
Common Stock	06/10/2005		M		1,664 A \$ 14	62,162	D <sup>(1)</sup>
Common Stock	06/10/2005		M		8,336 A \$ 13.43	70,498	D <sup>(1)</sup>
Common Stock	06/10/2005		S <sup>(2)</sup>		100 D \$ 52.15	70,398	I <sup>(1)</sup> By Family Trust
Common Stock	06/10/2005		S <sup>(2)</sup>		2,000 D \$ 52.14	68,398	I <sup>(1)</sup> By Family Trust
Common Stock	06/10/2005		S <sup>(2)</sup>		1,200 D \$ 52.14	67,198	I <sup>(1)</sup> By Family Trust

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Common Stock	06/10/2005	S <sup>(2)</sup>	6,700	D	\$ 52.02	60,498	I <sup>(1)</sup>	By Family Trust
Common Stock	06/13/2005	M	10,000	A	\$ 13.43	70,498	D <sup>(1)</sup>	
Common Stock	06/13/2005	S <sup>(2)</sup>	10,000	D	\$ 54	60,498	I <sup>(1)</sup>	By Family Trust
Common Stock						4,556	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)		
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 14	06/10/2005		M	1,664	05/21/2004 05/21/2011	Common Stock	1,664	
Common Stock	\$ 13.43	06/10/2005		M	8,336	01/15/2003 01/14/2012	Common Stock	8,336	
Common Stock	\$ 13.43	06/13/2005		M	10,000	<sup>(4)</sup> 01/14/2012	Common Stock	10,000	

## Reporting Owners

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

## Signatures

/s/ Jefferey L. Klinger, Attorney-in-fact for Richard M.  
Whiting

06/14/2005

\_\_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) Pursuant to the Rule 10b5-1 trading plan referred to in Footnote 2, upon exercise of the options the shares are immediately transferred to a trust.
- (2) This sale was effected pursuant to a pre-existing Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the reporting person.
- (3) Not applicable.
- (4) Of the 10,000 options exercised, 2,213 vested on 01/15/2003 and 7,787 vested on 01/15/2004.
- (5) Does not include an additional 284,848 options with different expiration dates and exercise prices.

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