

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 *
 ENGELHARDT IRL F

(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)
 04/12/2005

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)
 Chairman and CEO

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 or Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D) Code V Amount (D) Price			
Common Stock	04/12/2005		M	51,586 A \$ 7.145	348,704 ⁽¹⁾	I	By Trust
Common Stock	04/12/2005		S ⁽²⁾	51,586 D \$ 45.018	287,118 ⁽¹⁾	I	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)
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 7.145 ₍₃₎	04/12/2005		M	51,586 ₍₃₎	05/19/2001 05/18/2008	Common Stock 51,586 ₍₃₎

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
ENGELHARDT IRL F 701 MARKET STREET ST. LOUIS, MO 63101-1826	X		Chairman and CEO	

Signatures

Irl F. Engelhardt by Joseph W. Bean,
Attorney-in-Fact

04/13/2005

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) Does not include 15,626 shares held directly (including 2,166 shares acquired under the Company's Employee Stock Purchase Plan), 8,358 shares held indirectly by the Company's 401(k) plan, and 2,200 shares held indirectly by Mr. Engelhardt's spouse. Amounts have been adjusted to reflect the 2-for-1 stock split announced by the Company in March 2005.
 - (2) The sale reported in this Form 4 was effected pursuant to a pre-existing Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the reporting person.
 - (3) The number of outstanding stock options and corresponding exercise prices have been adjusted to reflect the 2-for-1 stock split announced by the Company in March 2005

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