

PEABODY ENERGY CORP  
 Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 63101-1826

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
 (Month/Day/Year)  
**03/28/2006**

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 Trading

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)
			Code	V Amount (A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock	03/28/2006		M	18,700 A \$ 10.4875	136,326	D <sup>(1)</sup>	
Common Stock	03/28/2006		M	8,839 A \$ 19.3275	145,165	D <sup>(1)</sup>	
Common Stock	03/28/2006		S <sup>(2)</sup>	27,539 D \$ 50	117,626	I <sup>(1)</sup>	By Trust
Common Stock					9,266 <sup>(3)</sup>	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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (right to buy) <sup>(4)</sup>	\$ 10.4875	03/28/2006		M	18,700	01/02/2005 <sup>(5)</sup> 01/02/2014	Common Stock	18,700
Employee Stock Option (right to buy) <sup>(4)</sup>	\$ 19.3275	03/28/2006		M	8,839	01/03/2006 01/03/2015	Common Stock	8,839

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
WHITING RICHARD M 701 MARKET STREET ST. LOUIS, MO 63101-1826			EVP - Sales and Trading	

## Signatures

Richard M. Whiting By: Jeffery L. Klinger,  
Attorney-in-Fact  
  
03/30/2006

\_\_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.

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- (2) This sale was effected pursuant to a pre-existing Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the reporting person.
- (3) Includes an additional 154 shares acquired by the reporting person through a dividend reinvestment feature of the Company's Employee Stock Purchase Plan.
- (4) The number of outstanding stock options and corresponding exercise prices have been adjusted to reflect the 2-for-1 stock split effected by the Company in February 2006.
- (5) Of the 18,700 options exercised, 2,808 vested on January 2, 2005 and 15,892 vested on January 2, 2006.
- (6) Not applicable.
- (7) The numbers reported in this column 9 of Table II do not include an additional 512,700 options with different expiration dates and exercise prices.  
  
In footnote 3 of the Form 4 filed by the reporting person on January 31, 2006, the reporting person mistakenly reported that the numbers reported in column 9 of Table II did not include an additional 296,608 options with different expiration dates and exercise prices. The number of additional options with different expiration dates and exercise prices should have been reported as 269,608.
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