

PEABODY ENERGY CORP
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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 *
JAMES WILLIAM E

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O ROCKPORT CAPITAL PARTNERS, LLC, 160 FEDERAL STREET, 18TH FLOOR

(Street)

BOSTON, MA 02110-1776

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
 (Month/Day/Year)
12/03/2007

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)
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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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount or Price		
Common Stock	12/03/2007		M ⁽¹⁾		100,000 A \$ 3.3001	101,861	D
Common Stock	12/03/2007		S ⁽¹⁾		20,000 D \$ 55.1092	81,861	D
Common Stock	12/03/2007		S ⁽¹⁾		20,000 D \$ 55.1154	61,861	D
Common Stock	12/03/2007		S ⁽¹⁾		20,000 D \$ 55.099	41,861	D
Common Stock	12/03/2007		S ⁽¹⁾		20,000 D \$ 55.2166	21,861	D

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Common Stock	12/03/2007	S ⁽¹⁾	20,000	D	\$ 55.3677	1,861	D	
Common Stock						7,520	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)	Amount Number Shares
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 3.3001	12/03/2007		M ⁽¹⁾	100,000	11/19/2007 05/19/2008	Common Stock	100,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

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BOSTON, MA 02110-1776

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Signatures

William E. James By: Kenneth L. Wagner
Attorney-in-Fact

12/04/2007

 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) This exercise/sale was effected pursuant to a pre-existing Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the reporting person.

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(2) Not applicable.

(3) Does not include an additional 31,745 options with different expiration dates and exercise prices.

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