

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 \*  
**FIHLER SHARON D**

(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)  
**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)  
**EVP - Human Resources & Admin.**

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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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)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
Common Stock	12/03/2007		S <sup>(1)</sup>	100 D	\$ 55.37	51,535 <sup>(2)</sup>	D
Common Stock	12/03/2007		S <sup>(1)</sup>	100 D	\$ 55.36	51,435 <sup>(2)</sup>	D
Common Stock	12/03/2007		S <sup>(1)</sup>	200 D	\$ 55.35	51,235 <sup>(2)</sup>	D
Common Stock	12/03/2007		S <sup>(1)</sup>	500 D	\$ 55.31	50,735 <sup>(2)</sup>	D
Common Stock	12/03/2007		S <sup>(1)</sup>	200 D	\$ 55.27	50,535 <sup>(2)</sup>	D

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Common Stock	12/03/2007	S <sup>(1)</sup>	100	D	\$ 55.26	50,435 <sup>(2)</sup>	D	
Common Stock	12/03/2007	S <sup>(1)</sup>	300	D	\$ 55.25	50,135 <sup>(2)</sup>	D	
Common Stock	12/03/2007	S <sup>(1)</sup>	400	D	\$ 55.21	49,735 <sup>(2)</sup>	D	
Common Stock	12/03/2007	S <sup>(1)</sup>	100	D	\$ 55.19	49,635 <sup>(2)</sup>	D	
Common Stock	12/03/2007	S <sup>(1)</sup>	100	D	\$ 55.18	49,535 <sup>(2)</sup>	D	
Common Stock	12/03/2007	S <sup>(1)</sup>	10,950	D	\$ 55.15	38,585 <sup>(2)</sup>	D	
Common Stock	12/03/2007	S <sup>(1)</sup>	100	D	\$ 55.13	38,485 <sup>(2)</sup>	D	
Common Stock	12/03/2007	S <sup>(1)</sup>	2,700	D	\$ 55.05	35,785 <sup>(2)</sup>	D	
Common Stock	12/03/2007	S <sup>(1)</sup>	30,000	D	\$ 55.04	5,785 <sup>(2)</sup>	D	
Common Stock	12/03/2007	S <sup>(1)</sup>	1,200	D	\$ 55.01	4,585 <sup>(2)</sup>	D	
Common Stock	12/03/2007	S <sup>(1)</sup>	2,000	D	\$ 55	2,585 <sup>(2)</sup>	D	
Common Stock	12/03/2007	S <sup>(1)</sup>	200	D	\$ 54.98	2,385 <sup>(2)</sup>	D	
Common Stock	12/03/2007	S <sup>(1)</sup>	400	D	\$ 54.96	1,985 <sup>(2)</sup>	D	
Common Stock						74,468	I	By Family LLC

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	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Nu Deriv Secur Bene Own Follo Repo
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(Instr. 3,  
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Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
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## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
FIEHLER SHARON D 701 MARKET STREET ST. LOUIS, MO 63101			EVP - Human Resources & Admin.	

## Signatures

Sharon D. Fiehler By: Kenneth L. Wagner  
Attorney-in-Fact 12/05/2007

\_\_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.
- (2) Includes 1,985 shares held by the reporting person in the Company's Employee Stock Purchase Plan.

### Remarks:

2 of 2 Form 4s - Additional transactions from December 3, 2007 are reported on a separate Form 4.

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