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Section Form 4 Form 5 obligation may cor	(a) of the F	<b>SECURITIES</b> Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section							Estimated average burden hours per response			
<i>See</i> Instr 1(b).		30(h)	of the Ii	nvestm	nent	: Compar	іу Ас	t of 1940				
(Print or Type	Responses)											
1. Name and Address of Reporting Person <u>*</u> BOYCE GREGORY H			8					I	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer			
(Last)	(Chec					(Check	k all applicable)					
PEABODY CORPORA STREET	Y ENERGY ATION, 701 MAR	KET	(Month/I 12/26/2	-	ar)			-	_X_ Director _X_ Officer (give t below) Chairn		Owner r (specify	
				onth/Day/Year) A				1	5. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person			
ST. LOUIS	S, MO 63101							-	Form filed by Mo Person			
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Tab	ole I - N	on-I	Derivative	Secur	ities Acqui	ired, Disposed of,	or Beneficiall	y Owned	
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year) 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)			3. 4. Securities Acquired (A) Transactionor Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8) (A) or					5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	OwnershipIndirectForm:BeneficialDirect (D)Ownershipr Indirect(Instr. 4)I)		
Common				Code	V	Amount	(D)	Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)			
Stock	12/26/2007			M <u>(1)</u>		33,456	А	\$ 7.9674	4 133,456 <u>(2)</u>	D		
Common Stock	12/26/2007			S <u>(1)</u>		100	D	\$ 62.03	133,356 <u>(2)</u>	D		
Common Stock	12/26/2007			S <u>(1)</u>		2,262	D	\$ 62.02	131,094 (2)	D		
Common Stock	12/26/2007			S <u>(1)</u>		200	D	\$ 62.0125	130,894 (2)	D		
Common Stock	12/26/2007			S <u>(1)</u>		500	D	\$ 62.01	130,394 <u>(2)</u>	D		

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Common Stock 12/26/2007

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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. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of onDerivative 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 Share
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 7.9674	12/26/2007		M <u>(1)</u>		33,456	10/01/2003	10/01/2013	Common Stock	33,456

# **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
BOYCE GREGORY H PEABODY ENERGY CORPORATION 701 MARKET STREET ST. LOUIS, MO 63101	Х		Chairman and CEO				
Signatures							
Gregory H. Boyce By: Kenneth L. Wagne Attorney-in-Fact	er		12/26/2007				
**Signature of Reporting Person			Date				
Evaluation of Deenen							

## **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) Does not include 4,329 shares acquired pursuant to the Company's Employee Stock Purchase Plan.
- (3) Not applicable.
- (4) Does not include an additional 829,448 options with different expiration dates and exercise prices.

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