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## FORM 3

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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES** 

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*

Ford Eric

(First)

Statement

(Month/Day/Year)

03/06/2007

2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

PEABODY ENERGY CORP [BTU]

(Last) (Middle)

(Street)

4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

5. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

701 MARKET STREET (Check all applicable)

Director 10% Owner \_X\_\_ Officer Other (give title below) (specify below) Exec. VP & COO

6. Individual or Joint/Group

Filing(Check Applicable Line) \_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person

Form filed by More than One

Reporting Person

# ST. LOUIS, MOÂ 63101

(City) (State)

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)

(Zip)

Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)

2. Amount of Securities

Form:

4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership Ownership (Instr. 5)

Direct (D) or Indirect

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

(I) (Instr. 5)

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security

(Instr. 4)

2. Date Exercisable and **Expiration Date** (Month/Day/Year)

3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying **Derivative Security** (Instr. 4)

4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security

5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security:

6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)

Expiration Date Exercisable Date

Title

Amount or Number of Shares

Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)

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### **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Ford Eric

701 MARKET STREET Exec. VP & COO ST. LOUIS, MOÂ 63101

#### **Signatures**

Eric Ford 03/07/2007

\*\*Signature of Person

\*\*Bignature of Person

### **Explanation of Responses:**

No securities are beneficially owned

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(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).

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