

WHITING RICHARD M
Form 4
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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

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
701 MARKET STREET

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
09/14/2005

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)

EVP - Sales and Marketing

(Street)
ST. LOUIS, MO 63101-1826

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

(City) (State) (Zip)

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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|--|
| | | | Code | V | Amount or Price (A) or (D) | | |
| Common Stock | 09/14/2005 | | M | | 10,000 A \$ 13.43 | 70,498 | D ⁽¹⁾ |
| Common Stock | 09/14/2005 | | S ⁽²⁾ | | 10,000 D \$ 74.5 | 60,498 | I By Trust |
| Common Stock | | | | | | 4,556 | 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) | \$ 13.43 | 09/14/2005 | | M | 10,000 | 01/15/2004 01/14/2012 ⁽³⁾ | Common Stock | 10,000 |

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 Marketing | |

Signatures

Richard M. Whiting by Joseph W. Bean,
Attorney-in-Fact

09/16/2005

**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.
- (2) This sale was effected pursuant to a pre-existing Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the reporting person.
- (3) Does not include an additional 284,848 options with different expiration dates and exercise prices.

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