PEABODY ENERGY CORP

Form 4

October 21, 2005

FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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SECURITIES Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934,

Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * ENGELHARDT IRL F | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer | | | |
|------------------------------------------------------------|---------|----------|----------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|--|--|--|
| | | | PEABODY ENERGY CORP [BTU] | (Check all applicable) | | | |
| (Last) | (First) | (Middle) | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction | | | | |
| | | | (Month/Day/Year) | X Director 10% Owner | | | |
| 701 MARKET STREET | | | 10/19/2005 | X Officer (give title Other (specification) below) | | | |
| | | | | Chairman and CEO | | | |
| (Street) | | | 4. If Amendment, Date Original | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check | | | |
| | | | Filed(Month/Day/Year) | Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person | | | |
| ST. LOUIS, MO 63101-1826 | | | | Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | | | |

| (City) | (State) | (Zip) Tabl | e I - Non-E | Derivative S | Securi | ties Acqu | iired, Disposed of | , or Beneficial | ly Owned |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|----------------|------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|
| 1.Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transactio Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired or(A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (A) or | | | Beneficially Form Owned (D) of Following Indir | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | Direct Beneficial Ownership ct (I) (Instr. 4) |
| Common Stock | 10/19/2005 | | Code V M | Amount 50,000 | (D) | Price \$ 7.145 | 347,118 | D (1) | |
| Common Stock | 10/19/2005 | | S(2) | 10,000 | D | \$ 78 | 337,118 | I (1) | By Family Trust |
| Common Stock | 10/19/2005 | | S(2) | 5,000 | D | \$ 77.99 | 332,118 | I (1) | By Family Trust |
| Common Stock | 10/19/2005 | | S(2) | 5,000 | D | \$ 77.55 | 327,118 | I (1) | By Family Trust |
| Common Stock | 10/19/2005 | | S(2) | 1,000 | D | \$ 77.25 | 326,118 | I (1) | By Family Trust |

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| Common Stock | 10/19/2005 | S(2) | 18,000 | D | \$ 77.22 | 308,118 | I (1) | By Family Trust |
|-----------------|------------|------|--------|---|-------------|---------|-------|--------------------|
| Common Stock | 10/19/2005 | S(2) | 3,000 | D | \$ 77.2 | 305,118 | I (1) | By Family Trust |
| Common Stock | 10/19/2005 | S(2) | 1,800 | D | \$ 76.8 | 303,318 | I (1) | By Family Trust |
| Common Stock | 10/19/2005 | S(2) | 2,400 | D | \$ 76.75 | 300,918 | I (1) | By Family Trust |
| Common Stock | 10/19/2005 | S(2) | 3,800 | D | \$ 76.68 | 297,118 | I (1) | By Family Trust |
| Common Stock | | | | | | 15,626 | D (3) | |
| Common Stock | | | | | | 8,358 | I | By 401(k) Plan |
| Common Stock | | | | | | 2,200 | I | By Spouse |

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

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Stock

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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number of orDerivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) A) d of | | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | |
|-----------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| | | | | Code V | (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Employee Stock Option | \$ 7.145 | 10/19/2005 | | M | 50,000 | 05/19/2001 | 05/19/2008 | Common | 50,000 |

Reporting Owners

(right to buy)

Relationships

Reporting Owner Name / Address

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Director 10% Owner Officer Other

ENGELHARDT IRL F 701 MARKET STREET

ST. LOUIS, MO 63101-1826

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Chairman and CEO

Signatures

Irl F. Engelhardt By: Joseph W. Bean, Attorney-in-Fact

10/21/2005

**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 family trust.
- (2) This sale was effected pursuant to a pre-existing Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the reporting person.
- (3) Includes 2,166 shares acquired under the Company's Employee Stock Purchase Plan.
- (4) Not applicable.
- (5) Does not include an additional 1,136,006 options with different expiration dates and exercise prices.

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