

ENGELHARDT IRL F
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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 *
ENGELHARDT IRL F

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

(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
12/21/2005

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
Chairman and CEO

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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)			
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock	12/21/2005		M		50,000	A	\$ 7.145	321,118	D ⁽¹⁾	
Common Stock	12/21/2005		S ⁽²⁾		6,600	D	\$ 82.5	314,518	I ⁽¹⁾	By Family Trust
Common Stock	12/21/2005		S ⁽²⁾		900	D	\$ 82.48	313,618	I ⁽¹⁾	By Family Trust
Common Stock	12/21/2005		S ⁽²⁾		200	D	\$ 82.47	313,418	I ⁽¹⁾	By Family Trust
Common Stock	12/21/2005		S ⁽²⁾		100	D	\$ 82.46	313,318	I ⁽¹⁾	By Family Trust

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Common Stock	12/21/2005	<u>S(2)</u>	400	D	\$ 82.42	312,918	<u>I (1)</u>	By Family Trust
Common Stock	12/21/2005	<u>S(2)</u>	300	D	\$ 82.41	312,618	<u>I (1)</u>	By Family Trust
Common Stock	12/21/2005	<u>S(2)</u>	1,800	D	\$ 82.4	310,818	<u>I (1)</u>	By Family Trust
Common Stock	12/21/2005	<u>S(2)</u>	2,500	D	\$ 82.35	308,318	<u>I (1)</u>	By Family Trust
Common Stock	12/21/2005	<u>S(2)</u>	600	D	\$ 82.34	307,718	<u>I (1)</u>	By Family Trust
Common Stock	12/21/2005	<u>S(2)</u>	700	D	\$ 82.33	307,018	<u>I (1)</u>	By Family Trust
Common Stock	12/21/2005	<u>S(2)</u>	1,600	D	\$ 82.3	305,418	<u>I (1)</u>	By Family Trust
Common Stock	12/21/2005	<u>S(2)</u>	400	D	\$ 82.29	305,018	<u>I (1)</u>	By Family Trust
Common Stock	12/21/2005	<u>S(2)</u>	300	D	\$ 82.28	304,718	<u>I (1)</u>	By Family Trust
Common Stock	12/21/2005	<u>S(2)</u>	300	D	\$ 82.26	304,418	<u>I (1)</u>	By Family Trust
Common Stock	12/21/2005	<u>S(2)</u>	400	D	\$ 82.25	304,018	<u>I (1)</u>	By Family Trust
Common Stock	12/21/2005	<u>S(2)</u>	1,800	D	\$ 82.24	302,218	<u>I (1)</u>	By Family Trust
Common Stock	12/21/2005	<u>S(2)</u>	600	D	\$ 82.23	301,618	<u>I (1)</u>	By Family Trust
Common Stock	12/21/2005	<u>S(2)</u>	1,200	D	\$ 82.22	300,418	<u>I (1)</u>	By Family Trust
Common Stock	12/21/2005	<u>S(2)</u>	600	D	\$ 82.21	299,818	<u>I (1)</u>	By Family Trust
Common Stock	12/21/2005	<u>S(2)</u>	2,100	D	\$ 82.2	297,718	<u>I (1)</u>	By Family Trust
Common Stock	12/21/2005	<u>S(2)</u>	300	D	\$ 82.19	297,418	<u>I (1)</u>	By Family Trust
Common Stock	12/21/2005	<u>S(2)</u>	900	D	\$ 82.17	296,518	<u>I (1)</u>	By Family Trust
Common Stock	12/21/2005	<u>S(2)</u>	500	D	\$ 82.15	296,018	<u>I (1)</u>	By Family Trust
Common Stock	12/21/2005	<u>S(2)</u>	600	D	\$ 82.14	295,418	<u>I (1)</u>	By Family Trust
	12/21/2005	<u>S(2)</u>	3,800	D		291,618	<u>I (1)</u>	

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- (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) Not applicable.
- (4) Does not include an additional 1,136,006 options with different expiration dates and exercise prices.

Remarks:

Additional transactions from December 21, 2005 were recorded on a separately filed Form 4.

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