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	UNITEDSTATE	S SECURITIES Washington			GE CO	OMMISSION	OMB Number:	3235-0287 January 31,				
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Form 5 obligations may continue. See Instruction 1(b). 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												
(Print or Type Responses)												
1. Name and A ENGELHA	ddress of Reporting Person <u>*</u> RDT IRL F	2. Issuer Name <b>a</b> Symbol		-		5. Relationship of Issuer	Reporting Pers	on(s) to				
(Lost)	(First) (Middle)	PEABODY EN 3. Date of Earliest		σκη [ρ]	IUJ	(Check	eck all applicable)					
(Last) 701 MARK	ET STREET	3. Date of Earliest (Month/Day/Year) 12/21/2005				X Director 10% Owner X Officer (give title Other (specify below) below) Chairman and CEO						
Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line   _X_ Form filed							oint/Group Filing(Check One Reporting Person					
	MO 63101-1826					Form filed by M Person	ore than One Re	porting				
(City)	(State) (Zip)	Table I - Non	-Derivative	Securitie	es Acqu	ired, Disposed of,	or Beneficial	ly Owned				
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	any			sposed of 4 and 5) (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)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)				
Common Stock	12/21/2005	М	50,000	A $\frac{\$}{7}$	8 7.145	321,118	D <u>(1)</u>					
Common Stock	12/21/2005	S <u>(2)</u>	6,600	D \$	8 82.5	314,518	I <u>(1)</u>	By Family Trust				
Common Stock	12/21/2005	S <u>(2)</u>	900	$D \frac{\$}{8}$	5 32.48	313,618	I <u>(1)</u>	By Family Trust				
Common Stock	12/21/2005	S <u>(2)</u>	200	$D = \frac{\$}{8}$	8 32.47	313,418	I <u>(1)</u>	By Family Trust				
Common Stock	12/21/2005	S <u>(2)</u>	100	$D \frac{\$}{8}$	5 32.46	313,318	I (1)	By Family Trust				

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

Common Stock						\$ 82.13			By Family Trust	
Common Stock	12/21/200	)5	S <u>(2)</u>	1,000	D	\$ 82.12	290,618	I <u>(1)</u>	By Family Trust	
Reminder: Re	port on a separ	rate line for each class	s of securities benefic	cially owned	d dire	ectly or indi	rectly.			
Persons who respond to the collection of SEC 1474 information contained in this form are not (9-02) required to respond unless the form displays a currently valid OMB control number. 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)	Derivative Conversion (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Security or Exercise any				orDe Sec Ac or 1 (D) (In	Number of rivative curities quired (A) Disposed of ) str. 3, 4, 15)	6. Date Exerc Expiration Da (Month/Day/	ate	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 (right to buy)	\$ 7.145	12/21/2005	M 50,0	00 05/22/2001	05/19/2008	Common Stock	50,000
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# **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships							
I B	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other				
ENGELHARDT IRL F 701 MARKET STREET ST. LOUIS, MO 63101-1826	Х		Chairman and CEO					
Signatures								
Irl F. Engelhardt By: Joseph W. Bea Attorney-in-Fact			12/22/2005					
<u>**</u> Signature of Reporting		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) 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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