

PEABODY ENERGY CORP  
Form 8-K  
May 17, 2010

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

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of Earliest Event Reported):

May 11, 2010

PEABODY ENERGY CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

1-16463

13-4004153

(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

(Commission  
File Number)

(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

701 Market Street, St. Louis, Missouri

63101

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code:

(314) 342-3400

Not Applicable

Former name or former address, if changed since last report

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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

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**Item 1.01 Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement.**

Peabody Energy Corporation ("Peabody") has an accounts receivable securitization program through its wholly owned, bankruptcy remote subsidiary, P&L Receivables Company, LLC ("Seller"). Under the program, Peabody contributes, on a revolving basis, trade receivables of most of its U.S. subsidiaries to the Seller, which then sells the receivables in their entirety to a consortium of unaffiliated asset-backed commercial paper conduits (the "Conduits"). Purchases by the Conduits are financed with the sale of highly rated commercial paper.

On May 11, 2010, the program was amended to extend its regularly scheduled expiration date by one year to May 10, 2011 and to make certain other changes. The foregoing description is only a summary of certain provisions of the amendment, and is qualified in its entirety by reference to the amendment itself, which is filed as Exhibit 10.1 hereto and which is incorporated by reference herein.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

Exhibit 10.1 - Second Amendment to Third Amended and Restated Receivables Purchase Agreement, dated as of May 11, 2010, by and among P&L Receivables Company, LLC, Peabody Energy Corporation, the various Sub-Servicers listed on the signature pages thereto, all Conduit Purchasers listed on the signature pages thereto, all Related Committed Purchasers listed on the signature pages thereto, all Purchaser Agents listed on the signature pages thereto, all LC Participants listed on the signature pages thereto, and PNC Bank, National Association, as Administrator and as LC Bank.

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**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

PEABODY ENERGY CORPORATION

*May 17, 2010*

*By: Kenneth L. Wagner*

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*Name: Kenneth L. Wagner  
Title: Vice President, Assistant General Counsel and  
Assistant Secretary*

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<u>Exhibit No.</u>	<u>Description</u>
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