

NEMEC JIRI  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
NEMEC JIRI

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

ST. LOUIS, MO 63101-1826

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

PEABODY ENERGY CORP [BTU]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
10/30/2007

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
Group VP - U.S. Eastern Ops.

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

**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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock	10/30/2007		A		4,462	A	11
Common Stock					19,644	I	By Family Trust

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 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)	\$ 43.1	10/31/2007		J <sup>(2)</sup>	16,140	<sup>(3)</sup> 01/03/2016	Common Stock 16,140
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 43.1	10/31/2007		J <sup>(2)</sup>	18,158	01/03/2009 01/03/2016	Common Stock 18,158
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 37.84	10/31/2007		J <sup>(2)</sup>	22,730	<sup>(5)</sup> 01/03/2017	Common Stock 22,730

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
NEMEC JIRI 701 MARKET STREET ST. LOUIS, MO 63101-1826			Group VP - U.S. Eastern Ops.	

## Signatures

Jiri Nemec By: Kenneth L. Wagner  
Attorney-in-Fact  
Date: 11/01/2007

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) Not applicable.

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- (2) Forfeiture of employee stock options upon termination of employment.
- (3) The options were scheduled to vest in three equal annual installments beginning January 3, 2007.
- (4) Does not include an additional 130,121 options with different expiration dates and exercise prices.
- (5) Of the 22,730 options, 7,577 were scheduled to vest on January 3, 2008, 7,576 were scheduled to vest on January 3, 2009 and 7,577 were scheduled to vest on January 3, 2010.

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