

PEABODY ENERGY CORP  
Form 8-K  
May 07, 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 4, 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))

Top of the Form**Item 5.07 Submission of Matters to a Vote of Security Holders.**

Peabody Energy Corporation ( Peabody ) held its annual meeting of shareholders on May 4, 2010.

Ten directors were elected to serve for a one-year term expiring in 2011. A tabulation of the votes for these directors is set forth below:

	<b>For</b>	<b>Withheld</b>	<b>Broker Non-Votes</b>
Gregory H. Boyce	188,600,939	10,112,938	23,051,316
William A. Coley	197,719,691	994,186	23,051,316
William E. James	189,828,346	8,885,531	23,051,316
Robert B. Karn III	197,474,338	1,239,539	23,051,316
M. Frances Keeth	197,423,403	1,290,474	23,051,316
Henry E. Lentz	187,393,335	11,320,542	23,051,316
Robert A. Malone	197,694,912	1,018,965	23,051,316
William C. Rusnack	197,718,983	994,894	23,051,316
John F. Turner	196,478,611	2,235,266	23,051,316
Alan H. Washkowitz	189,286,863	9,427,014	23,051,316

Sandra A. Van Trease will continue to serve out the remainder of her three-year term before standing for re-election in 2011.

Shareholders also ratified the appointment of Ernst & Young LLP as Peabody's independent registered public accounting firm for 2010. The results of the vote are set forth below:

	<b>For</b>	<b>Against</b>	<b>Abstentions</b>	<b>Broker Non-Votes</b>
Ratification of independent registered public accounting firm	220,253,104	1,157,824	354,265	

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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.

*May 7, 2010*

PEABODY ENERGY CORPORATION

By: */s/ Kenneth L. Wagner*

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*Name: Kenneth L. Wagner*

*Title: Vice President, Assistant General Counsel and  
Assistant Secretary*