

PEABODY ENERGY CORP  
Form 4  
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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

(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)  
03/15/2006

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)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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**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)
Common Stock	03/15/2006		M	45,132 A	\$ 3.5725 587,368 <sup>(1)</sup>	D <sup>(2)</sup>	
Common Stock	03/15/2006		M	54,868 A	\$ 7 642,236	D <sup>(2)</sup>	
Common Stock	03/15/2006		S <sup>(3)</sup>	400 D	\$ 47.01 641,836	I <sup>(2)</sup>	By Family Trust
Common Stock	03/15/2006		S <sup>(3)</sup>	600 D	\$ 47 641,236	I <sup>(2)</sup>	By Family Trust
Common	03/15/2006		S <sup>(3)</sup>	500 D	\$ 46.96 640,736	I <sup>(2)</sup>	By

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Stock								Family Trust
Common Stock	03/15/2006	<u>S<sup>(3)</sup></u>	500	D	\$ 46.95	640,236	<u>I<sup>(2)</sup></u>	By Family Trust
Common Stock	03/15/2006	<u>S<sup>(3)</sup></u>	6,000	D	\$ 46.9	634,236	<u>I<sup>(2)</sup></u>	By Family Trust
Common Stock	03/15/2006	<u>S<sup>(3)</sup></u>	100	D	\$ 46.86	634,136	<u>I<sup>(2)</sup></u>	By Family Trust
Common Stock	03/15/2006	<u>S<sup>(3)</sup></u>	700	D	\$ 46.85	633,436	<u>I<sup>(2)</sup></u>	By Family Trust
Common Stock	03/15/2006	<u>S<sup>(3)</sup></u>	100	D	\$ 46.84	633,336	<u>I<sup>(2)</sup></u>	By Family Trust
Common Stock	03/15/2006	<u>S<sup>(3)</sup></u>	900	D	\$ 46.83	632,436	<u>I<sup>(2)</sup></u>	By Family Trust
Common Stock	03/15/2006	<u>S<sup>(3)</sup></u>	500	D	\$ 46.82	631,936	<u>I<sup>(2)</sup></u>	By Family Trust
Common Stock	03/15/2006	<u>S<sup>(3)</sup></u>	3,800	D	\$ 46.8	628,136	<u>I<sup>(2)</sup></u>	By Family Trust
Common Stock	03/15/2006	<u>S<sup>(3)</sup></u>	600	D	\$ 46.79	627,536	<u>I<sup>(2)</sup></u>	By Family Trust
Common Stock	03/15/2006	<u>S<sup>(3)</sup></u>	800	D	\$ 46.78	626,736	<u>I<sup>(2)</sup></u>	By Family Trust
Common Stock	03/15/2006	<u>S<sup>(3)</sup></u>	2,100	D	\$ 46.77	624,636	<u>I<sup>(2)</sup></u>	By Family Trust
Common Stock	03/15/2006	<u>S<sup>(3)</sup></u>	700	D	\$ 46.76	623,936	<u>I<sup>(2)</sup></u>	By Family Trust
Common Stock	03/15/2006	<u>S<sup>(3)</sup></u>	31,900	D	\$ 46.75	592,036	<u>I<sup>(2)</sup></u>	By Family Trust
Common Stock	03/15/2006	<u>S<sup>(3)</sup></u>	3,900	D	\$ 46.72	588,136	<u>I<sup>(2)</sup></u>	By Family Trust

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Common Stock	03/15/2006	S <sup>(3)</sup>	400	D	\$ 46.71	587,736	I <sup>(2)</sup>	By Family Trust
Common Stock	03/15/2006	S <sup>(3)</sup>	10,600	D	\$ 46.7	577,136	I <sup>(2)</sup>	By Family Trust
Common Stock	03/15/2006	S <sup>(3)</sup>	500	D	\$ 46.68	576,636	I <sup>(2)</sup>	By Family Trust
Common Stock	03/15/2006	S <sup>(3)</sup>	1,400	D	\$ 46.67	575,236	I <sup>(2)</sup>	By Family Trust
Common Stock	03/15/2006	S <sup>(3)</sup>	300	D	\$ 46.66	574,936	I <sup>(2)</sup>	By Family Trust
Common Stock	03/15/2006	S <sup>(3)</sup>	6,500	D	\$ 46.65	568,436	I <sup>(2)</sup>	By Family Trust
Common Stock	03/15/2006	S <sup>(3)</sup>	400	D	\$ 46.64	568,036	I <sup>(2)</sup>	By Family Trust
Common Stock	03/15/2006	S <sup>(3)</sup>	100	D	\$ 46.62	567,936	I <sup>(2)</sup>	By Family Trust
Common Stock	03/15/2006	S <sup>(3)</sup>	3,000	D	\$ 46.61	564,936	I <sup>(2)</sup>	By Family Trust
Common Stock	03/15/2006	S <sup>(3)</sup>	3,000	D	\$ 46.6	561,936	I <sup>(2)</sup>	By Family Trust
Common Stock	03/15/2006	S <sup>(3)</sup>	1,500	D	\$ 46.59	560,436	I <sup>(2)</sup>	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	2. Conversion or Exercise	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	4. Transaction Code	5. Number of Derivative Securities	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)
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(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (right to buy) <sup>(4)</sup>	\$ 3.5725	03/15/2006	M	45,132					05/22/2001	01/01/2011	Common Stock	45,132
Employee Stock Option (right to buy) <sup>(4)</sup>	\$ 7	03/15/2006	M	54,868					05/21/2002 <sup>(7)</sup>	05/21/2011	Common Stock	54,868

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
ENGELHARDT IRL F 701 MARKET STREET ST. LOUIS, MO 63101-1826	X			

## Signatures

/s/ Irl F. Engelhardt By: Jeffery L. Klinger,  
Attorney-in-Fact

03/17/2006

\_\_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) Amounts have been adjusted to reflect the 2-for-1 stock split effected by the Company in February 2006.
- (2) Pursuant to the Rule 10b5-1 trading plan referred to in footnote 3, upon exercise of the options the shares are immediately transferred to a family trust.
- (3) This sale was effected pursuant to a pre-existing Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the reporting person.
- (4) The number of outstanding stock options and corresponding exercise prices have been adjusted to reflect the 2-for-1 stock split effected by the Company in February 2006.
- (5) Not applicable.
- (6) Does not include an additional 1,858,636 options with different expiration dates and exercise prices.
- (7) Of the 54,868 options exercised, 51,786 were exercisable on May 21, 2001 and 3,082 were exercisable on May 21, 2003.

**Remarks:**

1 of 2 Form 4s - Additional transactions from March 15, 2006 are reported in a separate Form 4.

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