

PEABODY ENERGY CORP  
Form 8-K  
December 02, 2016

**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): December 2, 2016**

**PEABODY ENERGY CORPORATION**  
**(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)**

**Delaware**  
**(State or Other Jurisdiction**  
**of Incorporation)**

**1-16463**  
**(Commission**  
**File Number)**

**13-4004153**  
**(I.R.S. Employer**  
**Identification No.)**

**701 Market Street, St. Louis, Missouri**  
**(Address of Principal Executive Offices)**

**63101-1826**  
**(ZIP Code)**

**Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (314) 342-3400**

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

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

**Item 8.01 Other Events.**

As previously disclosed, on April 13, 2016, Peabody Energy Corporation, a Delaware corporation (the Company ) and a majority of the Company's wholly owned domestic subsidiaries, as well as one international subsidiary in Gibraltar (collectively with the Company, the Debtors ), filed voluntary petitions under Chapter 11 of Title 11 of the U.S. Code ( Chapter 11 ) in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of Missouri (the Bankruptcy Court ). The Debtors' Chapter 11 cases are being jointly administered under the caption In re Peabody Energy Corporation, et al., Case No. 16-42529.

In addition, as previously disclosed, on May 18, 2016, the Bankruptcy Court entered an order approving that certain Superpriority Secured Debtor-in-Possession Credit Agreement (the DIP Credit Agreement ), dated April 18, 2016, between the Company, as borrower, Citibank, N.A., as administrative agent and the lender parties thereto on a final basis.

On December 2, 2016, the Company filed a motion with the Bankruptcy Court seeking, among other things, authority to pay in full all amounts outstanding under the DIP Credit Agreement prior to the scheduled maturity date and confirmation of the Company's continued use of cash collateral (the DIP Motion ). The Company expects that the repayment of its obligations under the DIP Credit Agreement will not impact the Company's rights and obligations under settlement agreements and consent orders with certain state environmental regulatory agencies, including the superpriority administrative claims granted pursuant to and in accordance with the those agreements and orders, as noted in the DIP Motion and proposed order. The DIP Motion can be found at [www.kccllc.net/Peabody](http://www.kccllc.net/Peabody).

**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**

*December 2, 2016*

By: /s/ A. Verona Dorch

Name: A. Verona Dorch

Title: Chief Legal Officer