PEABODY ENERGY CORP

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * ENGELHARDT IRL F			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol PEABODY ENERGY CORP [BTU]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer		
(Last) (First) (Middle) 701 MARKET STREET		(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction	(Check all applicable)		
			(Month/Day/Year) 08/08/2006	X Director 10% Owner Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)		
(Street)			4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check		
ST. LOUIS, MO	O 63101-18	326	Filed(Month/Day/Year)	Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tab	le I - Non-I	Derivative	Secur	ities Acqui	red, Disposed of,	or Beneficial	y Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (A) or			5. Amount of 6. Securities Ownership Beneficially Form: Owned Direct (D) Following or Indirect Reported (I) Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)		7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common			Code V	Amount	(D)	Price \$	(Instr. 3 and 4)		
Stock	08/08/2006		M	17,254	A	7.2975	559,490	D (1)	
Common Stock	08/08/2006		M	32,746	A	\$ 7.2975	592,236	D (1)	
Common Stock	08/08/2006		S(2)	10,000	D	\$ 48	582,236	I (1)	By Trust
Common Stock	08/08/2006		S(2)	8,500	D	\$ 48.11	573,736	I (1)	By Trust
Common Stock	08/08/2006		S(2)	9,900	D	\$ 48.2	563,836	I (1)	By Trust
	08/08/2006		S(2)	3,500	D	\$ 48.25	560,336	I (1)	By Trust

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Common Stock								
Common Stock	08/08/2006	S(2)	1,500	D	\$ 48.29	558,836	I (1)	By Trust
Common Stock	08/08/2006	S(2)	5,200	D	\$ 48.3	553,636	I (1)	By Trust
Common Stock	08/08/2006	S(2)	1,300	D	\$ 48.36	552,336	I (1)	By Trust
Common Stock	08/08/2006	S(2)	100	D	\$ 48.55	552,236	I (1)	By Trust
Common Stock	08/08/2006	S(2)	10,000	D	\$ 49.19	542,236	I (1)	By Trust
Common Stock						32,874 (3)	D	
Common Stock						19,442	I	By 401(k) Plan
Common Stock						4,400	I	By Spouse

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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	orDeri Secu Acqu or D (D)	urities uired (A) visposed of tr. 3, 4,	tive Expiration Date ties (Month/Day/Year) red (A) posed of 3, 4,		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)	\$ 7.2975	08/08/2006		М		17,254	01/02/2004	01/02/2013	Common Stock	17,254
Employee Stock	\$ 7.2975	08/08/2006		M		32,746	01/02/2005	01/02/2013	Common Stock	32,746

Option (right to buy)

Reporting Owners

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

Signatures

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

08/09/2006

**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) Pursuant to the Rule 10b5-1 trading plan referred to in footnote 2, upon exercise of the options the shares are immediately transferred to a family trust.
- (2) This sale was effected pursuant to a pre-existing Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the reporting person.
- (3) Includes 5,962 shares aguired pursuant to the Company's Employee Stock Purchase Plan.
- (4) Not applicable.
- (5) Does not include an additional 1,561,132 options with different expiration dates and exercise prices.

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