

PEABODY ENERGY CORP

Form 4

October 09, 2008

FORM 4**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
JAMES WILLIAM E

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O ROCKPORT CAPITAL
PARTNERS, LLC, 160 FEDERAL
STREET, 18TH FLOOR

(Street)

BOSTON, MA 02110-1776

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading
Symbol

PEABODY ENERGY CORP [BTU]

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

10/07/2008

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)
☒ 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 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	10/07/2008		M	4,331 A	\$ 6.143 7,627	D	
Common Stock	10/07/2008		M	7,773 A	\$ 6.4317 15,400	D	
Common Stock	10/07/2008		M	7,595 A	\$ 6.5841 22,995	D	
Common Stock					7,539	I	By 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)		8. Amount or Number of Shares	
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 6.143	10/07/2008		M		4,331		<u>(1)</u>	07/18/2011	Common Stock	4,331
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 6.4317	10/07/2008		M		7,773		<u>(4)</u>	05/03/2012	Common Stock	7,773
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 6.5841	10/07/2008		M		7,595		<u>(5)</u>	05/06/2013	Common Stock	7,595

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
JAMES WILLIAM E C/O ROCKPORT CAPITAL PARTNERS, LLC 160 FEDERAL STREET, 18TH FLOOR BOSTON, MA 02110-1776	X			

Signatures

William E. James By Kenneth L. Wagner,
Attorney-in-Fact

10/09/2008

__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) The options vested in three equal annual installments beginning on July 18, 2002.
- (2) Not applicable.
- (3) Does not include employee stock options with different expiration dates and exercise prices.
- (4) The options vested in three equal annual installments beginning on May 3, 2003.
- (5) The options vested in three equal annual installments beginning on May 6, 2004.

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