

BOYCE GREGORY H

Form 4

January 30, 2012

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

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may continue.  
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1(b).

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

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934,  
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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
**BOYCE GREGORY H**

(Last) (First) (Middle)

**PEABODY ENERGY  
CORPORATION, 701 MARKET  
STREET**

(Street)

**ST. LOUIS, MO 63101**

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

**PEABODY ENERGY CORP [BTU]**

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

01/03/2012

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)

Chairman and CEO

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 (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	01/03/2012		G <sup>(1)</sup>	V 595 D \$ 0	391 <sup>(2)</sup>	D	
Common Stock	01/26/2012		A <sup>(3)</sup>	133,165 A \$ 0	133,556 <sup>(2)</sup>	D	
Common Stock	01/26/2012		F	53,759 D \$ 35.89	79,797 <sup>(2)</sup>	D	
Common Stock	01/26/2012		G <sup>(1)</sup>	V 79,406 D \$ 0	391 <sup>(2)</sup>	D	
Common Stock	01/26/2012		G <sup>(1)</sup>	V 79,406 A \$ 0	204,256	I	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 (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. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Report Transaction (Instr. 3 and 4)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
	Director 10% Owner Officer Other
BOYCE GREGORY H PEABODY ENERGY CORPORATION 701 MARKET STREET ST. LOUIS, MO 63101	X Chairman and CEO

## Signatures

Gregory H. Boyce By: Kenneth L. Wagner  
Attorney-in-Fact

01/30/2012

\_\_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) This transaction involved a gift of securities by the reporting person to a family trust.

(2) Includes 391 shares held by the reporting person in the Company's Employee Stock Purchase Plan.

(3) The securities were issued to the reporting person pursuant to the payout of a performance unit award under the Issuer's Long-Term Equity Incentive Plan.

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