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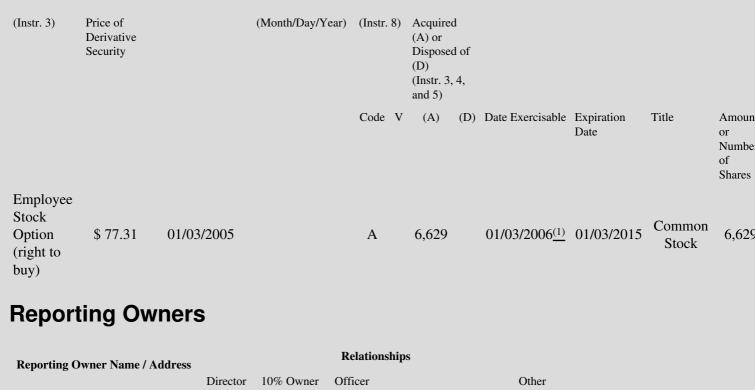
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(Print or Type	Responses)								
1. Name and Address of Reporting Person <u>*</u> WHITING RICHARD M			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol PEABODY ENERGY CORP [BTU			5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to IssuerU] (Check all applicable)			
(Last) (First) (Middle) 701 MARKET STREET			3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 01/03/2005			Director 10% Owner X Officer (give title Other (specify below) below) EVP - Sales and Marketing			
	(Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)			6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person			
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(City)	(State)	(Zip) 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 Dat any (Month/Day/Y	Code Year) (Instr.	 4. Securi actionAcquired Disposed 8) (Instr. 3, V Amount 	(A) or d of (D) 4 and 5) (A) or	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)	
Reminder: Re	port on a separate line	e for each class	of securities b	-	-	or indirectly. spond to the colle	ection of S	EC 1474	

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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	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5. Number	6. Date Exercisable and	7. Title and Amount of
Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transactio	onof Derivative	Expiration Date	Underlying Securities
Security	or Exercise		any	Code	Securities	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 3 and 4)

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01/05/2005

Date

WHITING RICHARD M
701 MARKET STREET
ST. LOUIS, MO 63101-1826

Signatures

Richard M. Whiting by Joseph W. Bean, Attorney-in-Fact

**Signature of Reporting Person

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 vest in three equal annual installments beginning on January 3, 2006.

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