TREASE SANDRA VAN

Form 4 May 10, 2005

FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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

Form 5 Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, obligations Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section may continue. 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 See Instruction

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * TREASE SANDRA VAN

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

PEABODY ENERGY CORP [BTU]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

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Issuer

(Last)

(First)

(Street)

(Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year) 05/06/2005

X_ Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

(Check all applicable)

1831 CHESTNUT STREET. M9-8028

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Applicable Line)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

below)

ST. LOUIS, MO 63103

(City) (State) (Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year)

Execution Date, if (Month/Day/Year)

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial (I) Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

(A) or

Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

Code V Amount (D) Price

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 Conversion Security or Exercise

3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year)

Execution Date, if

5. Number Transaction of Derivative Expiration Date Code Securities

6. Date Exercisable and (Month/Day/Year)

7. Title and Amount of **Underlying Securities** (Instr. 3 and 4)

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| (Instr. 3) | Price of Derivative Security | | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. | 8) | (A) or Dispose (D) | Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, | | | | |
|--|------------------------------------|------------|------------------|---------|----|--------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------|--------------------|-----------------|--|
| | | | | Code | V | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Director Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 47.62 | 05/06/2005 | | A | | 1,050 | | 05/06/2006(1) | 05/06/2015 | Common Stock | 1,050 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|--|--|--|
| . 9 | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other | | | |
| TREASE SANDRA VAN 1831 CHESTNUT STREET, M9-8028 ST. LOUIS, MO 63103 | X | | | | | | |

Signatures

Sandra Van Trease by Joseph W. Bean, Attorney-in-Fact

05/09/2005

**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 option vests in three equal annual installments beginning May 6, 2006.
- (2) The number of outstanding stock options and corresponding exercise prices have been adjusted to reflect the 2-for-1 stock split announced by the Company in March 2005.

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