GIVENS HENRY JR

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FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

GIVENS HENRY JR Issuer Symbol PEABODY ENERGY CORP [BTU] (Check all applicable) (First) (Middle) (Last) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) X_ Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify C/O PEABODY ENERGY 01/03/2006 below) CORPORATION, 701 MARKET **STREET** (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line)

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

ST. LOUIS, MO 63101

(State)

(Zip)

(City)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 1. Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 3. 4. Securities 5. Amount of 6. Ownership 7. Nature of Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if TransactionAcquired (A) or Securities Form: Direct Indirect (Instr. 3) Code Disposed of (D) Beneficially (D) or Beneficial (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Ownership (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Owned Indirect (I) Following (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Reported (A) Transaction(s) or (Instr. 3 and 4) Price Code V Amount (D)

Common 01/03/2006 435 \$0 $2,697^{(1)}$ A A D Stock

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)

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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)	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)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Director Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 86.2	01/03/2006		A	1,133	01/03/2007(2)	01/02/2016	Common Stock	1,133

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
GIVENS HENRY JR C/O PEABODY ENERGY CORPORATION 701 MARKET STREET ST. LOUIS, MO 63101	X					

Signatures

Henry Givens, Jr. by Joseph W. Bean,
Attorney-in-Fact

**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 number of shares has been adjusted to reflect the 2-for-1 stock split effected by the Company in March 2005.
- (2) The options vest in three equal annual installments beginning January 3, 2007.
- (3) Does not include an additional 5,140 options with different expiration dates and exercise prices.

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