ENGELHARDT IRL F

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * ENGELHARDT IRL F			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol PEABODY ENERGY CORP [BTU]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer			
(Last) (First) (Middle) 701 MARKET STREET		(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction	(Check all applicable)			
			(Month/Day/Year) 10/11/2006	X Director 10% Owner Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)			
(Street)			4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check			
			Filed(Month/Day/Year)	Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person			
ST. LOUIS, MO 63101-1826				Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			

(City)	(State)	${\bf (Zip)} \qquad \qquad {\bf Table~I-Non-Derivative~Securities~Acquired, Disposed~of, or~Beneficially~Owned}$								
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securitie or Disposed o (Instr. 3, 4	f (D)	uired (A) or	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
Common Stock	10/11/2006		Code V M	Amount 26,880	(D)	Price \$ 7.2975	(Instr. 3 and 4) 569,116	D (1)		
Common Stock	10/11/2006		M	67,939	A	\$ 10.4875	637,055	D (1)		
Common Stock	10/11/2006		M	67,938	A	\$ 10.4875	704,993	D (1)		
Common Stock	10/11/2006		M	36,965	A	\$ 20.2625	741,958	D (1)		
Common Stock	10/11/2006		S(2)	199,722	D	\$ 40	542,236	I (1)	By Trust	
							32,881 ⁽³⁾	D		

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Common	
Stock	

Common Stock	19,450	I	By 401(k) Plan
Common Stock	4,400	I	By Spouse

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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 $\label{thm:convergence} \begin{tabular}{ll} Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned \\ (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities) \end{tabular}$

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. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)			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
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 7.2975	10/11/2006		M		26,880	01/02/2006	01/02/2013	Common Stock	26,880
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 10.4875	10/11/2006		M		67,939	01/02/2005	01/02/2014	Common Stock	67,939
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 10.4875	10/11/2006		M		67,938	01/02/2006	01/02/2014	Common Stock	67,938
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 20.2625	10/11/2006		M		36,965	01/25/2006	01/25/2015	Common Stock	36,965

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

ENGELHARDT IRL F

701 MARKET STREET X ST. LOUIS, MO 63101-1826

Signatures

Irl F. Engelhardt By: Jeffery L. Klinger, 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) Pursuant to the Rule 10b5-1 trading plan referred to in footnote 2, upon exercise of the options the shares are immediately transferred to a family trust.
- (2) This sale was effected pursuant to a pre-existing Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the reporting person.
- (3) Includes 5,969 shares acquired pursuant to the Company's Employee Stock Purchase Plan.
- (4) Not applicable.
- (5) Does not include an additional 1,246,272 options with different expiration dates and exercise prices.

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