PEABODY ENERGY CORP

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of R BOYCE GREGORY		2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol PEABODY ENERGY CORP [BTU]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer		
(Last) (First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)	(Check all applicable) X Director 10% Owner		
PEABODY ENERGY CORPORATION, 701 MARKET STREET		04/25/2007	X Officer (give title Other (specify below) President and CEO		
(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) Tab	le I - Non-l	Derivative	Secur	ities Acqui	red, Disposed of,	or Beneficial	ly Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securit or Dispose (Instr. 3, 4)	ed of (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	04/25/2007		M	12,564	A		112,564 <u>(1)</u>	D	
Common Stock	04/25/2007		M	38,236	A	\$ 8.625	150,800 (1)	D	
Common Stock	04/25/2007		S(2)	5,100	D	\$ 50.04	145,700 (1)	D	
Common Stock	04/25/2007		S(2)	8,400	D	\$ 50.03	137,300 (1)	D	
Common Stock	04/25/2007		S(2)	1,900	D	\$ 50.025	135,400 (1)	D	

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Common Stock	04/25/2007	S(2)	2,500	D	\$ 50.02	132,900 (1)	D
Common Stock	04/25/2007	S(2)	200	D	\$ 50.01	132,700 (1)	D
Common Stock	04/25/2007	S(2)	32,700	D	\$ 50	100,000 (1)	D

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 orDerivative 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
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 7.955	04/25/2007		M	12,564	10/01/2006	10/01/2013	Common Stock	12,564
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 8.625	04/25/2007		M	38,236	10/01/2003	10/01/2013	Common Stock	38,236

Reporting Owners

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

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Signatures

Gregory H. Boyce By: Joseph W. Bean, Attorney-in-Fact

04/27/2007

**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) Does not include 3,695 shares acquired pursuant to the Company's Employee Stock Purchase Plan.
- (2) This sale was effected pursuant to a pre-existing Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the reporting person.
- (3) Not applicable.
- (4) Does not include an additional 766,214 options with different expiration dates and exercise prices.

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