

PEABODY ENERGY CORP
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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 Schoch Alexander C

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 701 MARKET STREET
 (Street)

ST. LOUIS, MO 63101

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 PEABODY ENERGY CORP [BTU]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
 (Month/Day/Year)
 01/03/2008

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 Exec VP & CLO

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	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)	
				(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock	01/03/2008		M ⁽¹⁾	4,308	A	\$ 39.1584	4,764	D
Common Stock	01/03/2008		M ⁽¹⁾	6,333	A	\$ 34.9553	11,097	D
Common Stock	01/03/2008		S ⁽¹⁾	10,641	D	\$ 60.964 ⁽²⁾	456	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 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)	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 39.1584	01/03/2008		M ⁽¹⁾	4,308	01/03/2008 10/16/2016	Common Stock	4,308
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 34.9553	01/03/2008		M ⁽¹⁾	6,333	01/03/2008 01/03/2017	Common Stock	6,333

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Schoch Alexander C 701 MARKET STREET ST. LOUIS, MO 63101			Exec VP & CLO	

Signatures

Alexander C. Schoch By: Kenneth L. Wagner
 Attorney-in-Fact 01/07/2008
**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) This exercise/sale was effected pursuant to a pre-existing Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the reporting person.
- (2) Represents the average price received for the shares. The shares were sold in a number of individual trades at various prices as reflected in Exhibit 99 hereto.

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(3) Not applicable.

(4) Does not include employee stock options with different expiration dates and exercise prices.

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