

PEABODY ENERGY CORP

Form 4

March 13, 2008

**FORM 4**
**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
**Washington, D.C. 20549**

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See Instruction  
1(b).

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

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
**WALCOTT ROGER B JR**

(Last) (First) (Middle)

701 MARKET STREET

(Street)

ST. LOUIS, MO 63101-1826

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading  
Symbol

PEABODY ENERGY CORP [BTU]

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

03/11/2008

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to  
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
\_\_\_\_X\_\_\_\_ Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)

EVP - Strategy &amp; Bus. Services

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check  
Applicable Line)  
\_\_\_\_X\_\_\_\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person  
\_\_\_\_ Form filed by More than One Reporting  
Person

**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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock	03/11/2008		S <u>(1)</u>		1,400	D \$ 51.84	40,680	I	By Trust
Common Stock	03/11/2008		S <u>(1)</u>		9,600	D \$ 51.86	31,080	I	By Trust
Common Stock	03/11/2008		S <u>(1)</u>		100	D \$ 51.87	30,980	I	By Trust
Common Stock	03/11/2008		S <u>(1)</u>		5,100	D \$ 51.88	25,880	I	By Trust
Common Stock	03/11/2008		S <u>(1)</u>		1,100	D \$ 51.89	24,780	I	By Trust

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Common Stock	03/11/2008	S <sup>(1)</sup>	500	D	\$ 51.96	24,280	I	By Trust
Common Stock	03/11/2008	S <sup>(1)</sup>	3,800	D	\$ 52	20,480	I	By Trust
Common Stock	03/11/2008	S <sup>(1)</sup>	1,600	D	\$ 52.04	18,880	I	By Trust
Common Stock	03/11/2008	S <sup>(1)</sup>	100	D	\$ 52.07	18,780	I	By Trust
Common Stock						24,443 <sup>(2)</sup>	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)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Owned Beneficially (Instr. 5)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
WALCOTT ROGER B JR 701 MARKET STREET ST. LOUIS, MO 63101-1826	Director 10% Owner Officer Other EVP - Strategy & Bus. Services

## Signatures

Roger B. Walcott, Jr. By: Kenneth L. Wagner  
Attorney-in-Fact 03/13/2008

\_\_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) Includes 16,443 shares held by the reporting person in the Company's Employee Stock Purchase Plan.

### Remarks:

2 of 2 Form 4s - Additional transactions from March 11, 2008 are reported on a separate Form 4.

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