Malone Robert A Form 4 January 05, 2012

### FORM 4

# UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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

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(Print or Type Responses)

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See Instruction

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \* Malone Robert A

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

PEABODY ENERGY CORP [BTU]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

below)

(Last)

(City)

1. Title of

Security

(Instr. 3)

(First)

(Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year) 01/03/2012

(Check all applicable)

X\_ Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify

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C/O PEABODY ENERGY CORPORATION, 701 MARKET ST.

(Street)

(State)

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 Form filed by More than One Reporting

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

ST. LOUIS, MO 63101

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if (Month/Day/Year)

(Zip)

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)

(1)

5. Amount of 6. Ownership 7. Nature of Securities Form: Direct Indirect Beneficially (D) or Beneficial Ownership Owned Indirect (I) Following (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

Reported (A) Transaction(s) or

(Instr. 3 and 4) Price (D)

Common 01/03/2012 Stock

Code V Amount 3,584 \$0 A

8,686

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)

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1. Title of Derivative	2. Conversion	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)		4. Transactio	5. orNumber	6. Date Exerc Expiration D		7. Title at Amount of		8. Price of Derivative	9. Nu Deriv
Security (Instr. 3)	or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	(monda, Day, Teal)	(Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)	of (Month/Day/Ye Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)			Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)		Security (Instr. 5)	Secur Bene Owne Follo Repo Trans (Instr
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	or Title Nu of	nount umber uares		

## **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Malone Robert A

C/O PEABODY ENERGY CORPORATION
701 MARKET ST.

Signatures

ST. LOUIS, MO 63101

Robert A. Malone By: Kenneth L. Wagner
Attorney-in-Fact
01/05/2012

\*\*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) Represent deferred stock units that vest prorata over 12 months, and are converted into common stock at a later date based upon the reporting person's election.

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