#### KARN ROBERT B III

Form 4

January 05, 2012

## FORM 4

### UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

Stock

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and A KARN ROE	Symbol	2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol PEABODY ENERGY CORP [BTU]				5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer					
(Last)  C/O PEABO CORPORA	(Month/E 01/03/2	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 01/03/2012				(Check all applicable)  _X_ Director 10% Owner Officer (give title below)  Delow)					
STREET ST. LOUIS,	(Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Origin Filed(Month/Day/Year)  MO 63101-1826						6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person				
(City)	(State) (Zip) 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)	Code	4. SecurionAcquired Disposed (Instr. 3,	l (A) o l of (D	))	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	01/03/2012		A	6,617 (1)	A	\$0	16,706	D			
Common Stock							8,590	I	By Trust		
Common							840	ī	By Family		

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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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Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	of (Month/Day/Year) Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)			Amou Under Securi (Instr.	lying	Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	Deriv Secur Bene Own Follo Repo Trans (Instr
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		

## **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

KARN ROBERT B III C/O PEABODY ENERGY CORPORATION, 701 MARKET STREET ST. LOUIS, MO 63101-1826

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## **Signatures**

Robert B. Karn, III 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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