PEABODY ENERGY CORP Form 8-K May 10, 2011

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549 FORM 8-K **CURRENT REPORT** Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported) May 10, 2011 PEABODY ENERGY CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

1-16463

13-4004153

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization) (Commission File Number)

(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

63101-1826

(Zip Code)

701 Market Street, St. Louis, Missouri

(Address of principal executive offices)

Registrant s telephone number, including area code (314) 342-3400

N/A

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report.)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

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o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 7.01. Regulation FD Disclosure.

On May 11 and 12, 2011, Peabody Energy Corporation (Peabody) management will be presenting at the Bank of America-Merrill Lynch Global Metals and Mining Conference in Barcelona, Spain. A related written presentation is furnished as Exhibit 99.1 hereto.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

Exhibit No. Description of Exhibit

99.1 Peabody written presentation dated May 11-12, 2011.



SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

PEABODY ENERGY CORPORATION

May 10, 2011

By: /s/ Kenneth L. Wagner Name: Kenneth L. Wagner Title: Vice President, Assistant General Counsel and Assistant Secretary

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