

PEABODY ENERGY CORP
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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 *
FIGHLER SHARON D

(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)
 12/04/2007

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)
 EVP - Human Resources & Admin.

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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount or Price		
Common Stock	12/04/2007		M ⁽¹⁾		78,398 A \$ 3,3001	80,383 ⁽²⁾	D
Common Stock	12/04/2007		S ⁽¹⁾		7,600 D \$ 55.65	72,783 ⁽²⁾	D
Common Stock	12/04/2007		S ⁽¹⁾		600 D \$ 55.64	72,183 ⁽²⁾	D
Common Stock	12/04/2007		S ⁽¹⁾		500 D \$ 55.63	71,683 ⁽²⁾	D
Common Stock	12/04/2007		S ⁽¹⁾		800 D \$ 55.62	70,883 ⁽²⁾	D

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Common Stock	12/04/2007	<u>S(1)</u>	1,000	D	\$ 55.61	69,883 <u>(2)</u>	D
Common Stock	12/04/2007	<u>S(1)</u>	1,000	D	\$ 55.6	68,883 <u>(2)</u>	D
Common Stock	12/04/2007	<u>S(1)</u>	1,600	D	\$ 55.59	67,283 <u>(2)</u>	D
Common Stock	12/04/2007	<u>S(1)</u>	700	D	\$ 55.58	66,583 <u>(2)</u>	D
Common Stock	12/04/2007	<u>S(1)</u>	400	D	\$ 55.57	66,183 <u>(2)</u>	D
Common Stock	12/04/2007	<u>S(1)</u>	800	D	\$ 55.56	65,383 <u>(2)</u>	D
Common Stock	12/04/2007	<u>S(1)</u>	2,443	D	\$ 55.55	62,940 <u>(2)</u>	D
Common Stock	12/04/2007	<u>S(1)</u>	1,600	D	\$ 55.54	61,340 <u>(2)</u>	D
Common Stock	12/04/2007	<u>S(1)</u>	3,000	D	\$ 55.53	58,340 <u>(2)</u>	D
Common Stock	12/04/2007	<u>S(1)</u>	600	D	\$ 55.52	57,740 <u>(2)</u>	D
Common Stock	12/04/2007	<u>S(1)</u>	700	D	\$ 55.51	57,040 <u>(2)</u>	D
Common Stock	12/04/2007	<u>S(1)</u>	4,400	D	\$ 55.5	52,640 <u>(2)</u>	D
Common Stock	12/04/2007	<u>S(1)</u>	1,800	D	\$ 55.49	50,840 <u>(2)</u>	D
Common Stock	12/04/2007	<u>S(1)</u>	1,500	D	\$ 55.48	49,340 <u>(2)</u>	D
Common Stock	12/04/2007	<u>S(1)</u>	3,000	D	\$ 55.47	46,340 <u>(2)</u>	D
Common Stock	12/04/2007	<u>S(1)</u>	3,155	D	\$ 55.46	43,185 <u>(2)</u>	D
Common Stock	12/04/2007	<u>S(1)</u>	6,000	D	\$ 55.45	37,185 <u>(2)</u>	D
Common Stock	12/04/2007	<u>S(1)</u>	8,000	D	\$ 55.44	29,185 <u>(2)</u>	D
Common Stock	12/04/2007	<u>S(1)</u>	27,200	D	\$ 55.43	1,985 <u>(2)</u>	D

Common Stock

74,468

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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)		
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Share
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 3.3001	12/04/2007		M ⁽¹⁾	78,398	11/19/2007	05/19/2008	Common Stock	78,398

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
FIEHLER SHARON D 701 MARKET STREET ST. LOUIS, MO 63101			EVP - Human Resources & Admin.	

Signatures

Sharon D. Fiehler By: Kenneth L. Wagner
Attorney-in-Fact
12/06/2007

__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 1,985 shares held by the reporting person in the Company's Employee Stock Purchase Plan.
- (3) Not applicable.
- (4) Does not include an additional 191,779 options with different expiration dates and exercise prices.

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