

PEABODY ENERGY CORP

Form 4

January 07, 2008

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

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

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
Schoch Alexander C

(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)

01/03/2008

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)

Exec VP &amp; CLO

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check  
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**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

| 1. Title of<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired (A)<br>or Disposed of (D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership<br>Form:<br>Direct (D)<br>or Indirect<br>(I)<br>(Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of<br>Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Common<br>Stock                       | 01/03/2008                              |                                                             | M <sup>(1)</sup>                     | 4,308 A                                                                 | \$ 39.1584 4,764                                                                                                   | D                                                                       |                                                                   |
| Common<br>Stock                       | 01/03/2008                              |                                                             | M <sup>(1)</sup>                     | 6,333 A                                                                 | \$ 34.9553 11,097                                                                                                  | D                                                                       |                                                                   |
| Common<br>Stock                       | 01/03/2008                              |                                                             | S <sup>(1)</sup>                     | 10,641 D                                                                | \$ 60.964<br>(2) 456                                                                                               | 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<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | 3. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 5. Number<br>of Derivative<br>Securities<br>Acquired<br>(A) or<br>Disposed of<br>(D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4,<br>and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and<br>Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) |     | 7. Title and Amount of<br>Underlying Securities<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) |                    |                 |                                        |
|-----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|-----|---------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|-----------------|----------------------------------------|
|                                                     |                                                                    |                                         |                                                             | Code                                 | V                                                                                                               | (A)                                                            | (D) | Date<br>Exercisable                                                 | Expiration<br>Date | Title           | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of<br>Shares |
| Employee<br>Stock<br>Option<br>(right to<br>buy)    | \$ 39.1584                                                         | 01/03/2008                              |                                                             | M <sup>(1)</sup>                     |                                                                                                                 | 4,308                                                          |     | 01/03/2008                                                          | 10/16/2016         | Common<br>Stock | 4,308                                  |
| Employee<br>Stock<br>Option<br>(right to<br>buy)    | \$ 34.9553                                                         | 01/03/2008                              |                                                             | M <sup>(1)</sup>                     |                                                                                                                 | 6,333                                                          |     | 01/03/2008                                                          | 01/03/2017         | Common<br>Stock | 6,333                                  |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                 | Relationships                    |
|----------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
|                                                                | Director 10% Owner Officer Other |
| Schoch Alexander C<br>701 MARKET STREET<br>ST. LOUIS, MO 63101 | Exec VP & CLO                    |

## Signatures

Alexander C. Schoch By: Kenneth L. Wagner  
Attorney-in-Fact

01/07/2008

\*\*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) Represents the average price received for the shares. The shares were sold in a number of individual trades at various prices as reflected in Exhibit 99 hereto.

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(3) Not applicable.

(4) Does not include employee stock options with different expiration dates and exercise prices.

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