

PEABODY ENERGY CORP  
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**FORM 4**

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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 \*  
**BOYCE GREGORY H**

(Last) (First) (Middle)

**PEABODY ENERGY CORPORATION, 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)  
**04/25/2007**

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)  
**President and CEO**

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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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	04/25/2007		M		12,564 A \$ 7.955	112,564 <sup>(1)</sup>	D
Common Stock	04/25/2007		M		38,236 A \$ 8.625	150,800 <sup>(1)</sup>	D
Common Stock	04/25/2007		S <sup>(2)</sup>		5,100 D \$ 50.04	145,700 <sup>(1)</sup>	D
Common Stock	04/25/2007		S <sup>(2)</sup>		8,400 D \$ 50.03	137,300 <sup>(1)</sup>	D
Common Stock	04/25/2007		S <sup>(2)</sup>		1,900 D \$ 50.025	135,400 <sup>(1)</sup>	D

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Common Stock	04/25/2007	S <sup>(2)</sup>	2,500	D	\$ 50.02	132,900 <sup>(1)</sup>	D
Common Stock	04/25/2007	S <sup>(2)</sup>	200	D	\$ 50.01	132,700 <sup>(1)</sup>	D
Common Stock	04/25/2007	S <sup>(2)</sup>	32,700	D	\$ 50	100,000 <sup>(1)</sup>	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 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 Shares
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 7.955	04/25/2007		M	12,564	10/01/2006 10/01/2013	Common Stock 12,564
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 8.625	04/25/2007		M	38,236	10/01/2003 10/01/2013	Common Stock 38,236

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
BOYCE GREGORY H PEABODY ENERGY CORPORATION 701 MARKET STREET ST. LOUIS, MO 63101	X		President and CEO	

## Signatures

Gregory H. Boyce By: Joseph W. Bean,  
Attorney-in-Fact

04/27/2007

\_\_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) Does not include 3,695 shares acquired pursuant to the Company's Employee Stock Purchase Plan.
  - (2) This sale was effected pursuant to a pre-existing Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the reporting person.
  - (3) Not applicable.
  - (4) Does not include an additional 766,214 options with different expiration dates and exercise prices.

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