

WHITING RICHARD M  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
WHITING RICHARD M

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
701 MARKET STREET  
(Street)

ST. LOUIS, MO 63101-1826

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
PEABODY ENERGY CORP [BTU]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
10/30/2007

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 - Chief Marketing Officer

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
\_\_\_\_ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**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	(D)	Price
Common Stock	10/30/2007		A		9,449	A	11
Common Stock						I	By Trust
					48,032		
					101,892		

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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- (2) Forfeiture of employee stock options upon termination of employment.
- (3) Does not include an additional 444,047 options with different expiration dates and exercise prices.
- (4) Of the 38,150 options, 12,717 vested on January 3, 2007, 12,716 were scheduled to vest on January 3, 2008 and 12,717 were scheduled to vest on January 3, 2009.
- (5) Of the 45,206 options, 15,069 were scheduled to vest on January 3, 2008, 15,068 were scheduled to vest on January 3, 2009 and 15,069 were scheduled to vest on January 3, 2010.

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