

PEABODY ENERGY CORP  
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)  
**12/26/2007**

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)  
Chairman and CEO

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 Indirect Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock	12/26/2007		M <sup>(1)</sup>		33,456	A	\$ 7.9674
					133,456	(2)	D
Common Stock	12/26/2007		S <sup>(1)</sup>		100	D	\$ 62.03
					133,356	(2)	D
Common Stock	12/26/2007		S <sup>(1)</sup>		2,262	D	\$ 62.02
					131,094	(2)	D
Common Stock	12/26/2007		S <sup>(1)</sup>		200	D	\$ 62.0125
					130,894	(2)	D
Common Stock	12/26/2007		S <sup>(1)</sup>		500	D	\$ 62.01
					130,394	(2)	D



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- (2) Does not include 4,329 shares acquired pursuant to the Company's Employee Stock Purchase Plan.
- (3) Not applicable.
- (4) Does not include an additional 829,448 options with different expiration dates and exercise prices.

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