ENGELHARDT IRL F

Form 4

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FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

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See Instruction 1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * ENGELHARDT IRL F

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

PEABODY ENERGY CORP [BTU]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

(Last) (First) (Middle)

(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Check all applicable)

701 MARKET STREET

(Month/Day/Year)

08/15/2006

_X__ Director 10% Owner Other (specify Officer (give title

below)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Person

ST. LOUIS, MO 63101-1826

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tab	le I - Non-	Derivative	Secur	ities Acqui	red, Disposed of	, or Beneficial	ly Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. 4. Securities Acquired (A) Transaction Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8) (A) or			(D) 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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	08/15/2006		Code V M	Amount 22,067	(D)	Price \$ 7.2975	564,303	D (1)	
Common Stock	08/15/2006		M	27,933	A	\$ 7.2975	592,236	D (1)	
Common Stock	08/15/2006		S(2)	900	D	\$ 44.91	591,336	I (1)	By Trust
Common Stock	08/15/2006		S(2)	700	D	\$ 44.9	590,636	I (1)	By Trust
Common Stock	08/15/2006		S(2)	200	D	\$ 44.86	590,436	I (1)	By Trust
	08/15/2006		S(2)	1,600	D	\$ 44.84	588,836	I (1)	By Trust

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Common Stock								
Common Stock	08/15/2006	S(2)	4,000	D	\$ 44.82	584,836	I (1)	By Trust
Common Stock	08/15/2006	S(2)	8,900	D	\$ 44.8	575,936	I (1)	By Trust
Common Stock	08/15/2006	S(2)	600	D	\$ 44.74	575,336	I (1)	By Trust
Common Stock	08/15/2006	S(2)	13,700	D	\$ 44.7	561,636	I (1)	By Trust
Common Stock	08/15/2006	S(2)	1,800	D	\$ 44.67	559,836	I (1)	By Trust
Common Stock	08/15/2006	S(2)	17,600	D	\$ 44.6	542,236	I (1)	By Trust
Common Stock						32,874 (3)	D	
Common Stock						19,442	I	By 401(k) Plan
Common Stock						4,400	I	By Spouse

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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of orDerivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercise Expiration Date (Month/Day/Y	te	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)	\$ 7.2975	08/15/2006		M	22,067	01/02/2005	01/02/2013	Common Stock	22,067

Employee Stock

Option \$ 7.2975 08/15/2006

M 27,933 01/02/2006 01/02/2013

Common

27,933

Stock

(right to buy)

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

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701 MARKET STREET X

ST. LOUIS, MO 63101-1826

Signatures

Irl F. Engelhardt By: Joseph W. Bean, Attorney-in-Fact

08/15/2006

**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) Pursuant to the Rule 10b5-1 trading plan referred to in footnote 2, upon exercise of the options the shares are immediately transferred to a family trust.
- (2) This sale was effected pursuant to a pre-existing Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the reporting person.
- (3) Includes 5,962 shares aguired pursuant to the Company's Employee Stock Purchase Plan.
- (4) Not applicable.
- (5) Does not include an additional 1,561,132 options with different expiration dates and exercise prices.

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