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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting 2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Person * Statement PEABODY ENERGY CORP [BTU] A Williamson Kemal (Month/Day/Year) 11/15/2012 (Last) (First) (Middle) 4. Relationship of Reporting 5. If Amendment, Date Original Person(s) to Issuer Filed(Month/Day/Year) 701 MARKET STREET (Check all applicable) (Street) 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) 10% Owner Director _X_ Form filed by One Reporting _X__ Officer Other Person ST. LOUIS, MOÂ 63101-1826 (give title below) (specify below) Form filed by More than One President - Americas Reporting Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned 2. Amount of Securities 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial 1. Title of Security Beneficially Owned Ownership Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Form: (Instr. 5) Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) D Â Common Stock 46,270 (1) Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially SEC 1473 (7-02) owned directly or indirectly. Persons who respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not required to respond unless the form displays a

 $Table\ II\ -\ Derivative\ Securities\ Beneficially\ Owned\ (\textit{e.g.},\ puts,\ calls,\ warrants,\ options,\ convertible\ securities)$

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1. Title of Derivative	2. Date Exercisab Expiration Date	le and	3. Title and A Securities Un		4. Conversion	5. Ownership	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial
Security			Securities of	idenying	Conversion	Ownership	Belleficial
(Instr. 4)	(Month/Day/Year)		Derivative Security		or Exercise	Form of	Ownership
			(Instr. 4)		Price of	Derivative	(Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of	Derivative	Security:	
					Security	Direct (D)	
					•	or Indirect	

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				Shares		(I) (Instr. 5)	
Option (Right to Buy)	01/03/2009	01/03/2016	Common Stock	24,572	\$ 39.8143	D	Â
Option (Right to Buy)	01/03/2010	01/03/2017	Common Stock	8,564	\$ 34.9553	D	Â
Option (Right to Buy)	01/02/2009(2)	01/02/2018	Common Stock	15,751	\$ 62.72	D	Â
Option (Right to Buy)	01/05/2011(3)	01/05/2019	Common Stock	21,549	\$ 26.84	D	Â
Option (Right to Buy)	01/04/2011(4)	01/04/2020	Common Stock	16,354	\$ 47.87	D	Â
Option (Right to Buy)	01/03/2012(5)	01/03/2021	Common Stock	12,760	\$ 64.52	D	Â
Option (Right to Buy)	01/03/2013(6)	01/03/2022	Common Stock	11,986	\$ 36.27	D	Â

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
Troporting o when I want / I want on	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
Williamson Kemal 701 MARKET STREET ST. LOUIS. MO 63101-1826	Â	Â	President - Americas	Â		

Signatures

Kemal Williamson By: Kenneth L. Wagner Attorney-in-Fact

11/20/2012

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(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) Includes 10,844 shares from a restricted stock award that vests on December 31, 2012 and 2,989 shares that are held by the reporting person in the Company's Employee Stock Purchase Plan.
- (2) The options vest in three equal annual installments beginning January 2, 2009.
- (3) The options vest in two equal annual installments beginning January 5, 2011.
- (4) The options vest in three equal annual installments beginning January 4, 2011.
- (5) The options vest in three equal annual installments beginning January 3, 2012.
- (6) The options vest in three equal annual installments beginning January 3, 2013.

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