

PEABODY ENERGY CORP  
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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 \*  
**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)

**05/01/2006**

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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock	05/01/2006		M		20,000	A	\$ 7.955
Common Stock	05/01/2006		S <sup>(3)</sup>		10,000	D	\$ 65.65
Common Stock	05/01/2006		S <sup>(3)</sup>		10,000	D	\$ 68

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) <sup>(4)</sup>	\$ 7.955	05/01/2006		M	20,000	10/01/2004	10/01/2013	Common Stock	20,000

## 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

05/03/2006

\_\_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) Amounts have been adjusted to reflect the 2-for-1 stock split effected by the Company in February 2006.
- (2) Does not include 3,069 shares acquired pursuant to the Company's Employee Stock Purchase Plan.
- (3) This sale was effected pursuant to a pre-existing Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the reporting person.
- (4) The number of outstanding stock options and corresponding exercise prices have been adjusted to reflect the 2-for-1 stock split effected by the Company in February 2006.
- (5) Not applicable.
- (6) Does not include an additional 895,072 options with different expiration dates and exercise prices.

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