

FIEHLER SHARON D

Form 4

December 14, 2010

FORM 4**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
FIEHLER SHARON D

(Last) (First) (Middle)

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)

12/13/2010

4. If Amendment, Date Original
Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

____ Director ____ 10% Owner
____X____ Officer (give title ____ Other (specify
below) below)

EVP - Chief Admin. Officer

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
____X____ 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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	12/13/2010		M ⁽¹⁾	47,785 A	\$ 39.8143 47,785	D	
Common Stock	12/13/2010		M ⁽¹⁾	20,071 A	\$ 34.9553 67,856	D	
Common Stock	12/13/2010		M ⁽¹⁾	11,544 A	\$ 26.84 79,400	D	
Common Stock	12/13/2010		S ⁽¹⁾	79,400 D	\$ 62.99 (2) 0	D	
Common Stock					67,134	I	By Family LLC

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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 Share
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 39.8143	12/13/2010		M ⁽¹⁾		47,785		01/03/2009	01/03/2016	Common Stock	47,785
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 34.9553	12/13/2010		M ⁽¹⁾		20,071		⁽⁵⁾	01/03/2017	Common Stock	20,071
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 26.84	12/13/2010		M ⁽¹⁾		11,544		01/05/2010	01/05/2019	Common Stock	11,544

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

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701 MARKET STREET
ST. LOUIS, MO 63101

EVP - Chief Admin. Officer

Signatures

Sharon D. Fiehler By: Kenneth L. Wagner
Attorney-in-Fact

12/14/2010

__Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

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(1) This exercise/sale was effected pursuant to a pre-existing Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the reporting person.

This represents the weighted average sale price for the shares. The shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$62.54
(2) to \$63.17 per share, inclusive. The reporting person will provide upon request by the SEC staff, the issuer or a security holder of the issuer, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price.

(3) Not applicable.

(4) Does not include employee stock options with different expiration dates and exercise prices.

(5) 10,035 options vested on January 3, 2009 and 10,036 options vested on January 3, 2010.

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