PEABODY ENERGY CORP

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * ENGELHARDT IRL F			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer		
			PEABODY ENERGY CORP [BTU]	(Check all applicable)		
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction			
701 MARKET STREET			(Month/Day/Year)	X Director 10% Owner		
			03/22/2007	Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)		
	(Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check		
			Filed(Month/Day/Year)	Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person		
ST. LOUIS, MO 63101-1826				Form filed by More than One Reporting		

(City)	(State)	(Zip) 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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	Transaction Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8) (A) or		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	03/22/2007		M	50		\$ 20.2625	446,286	I (1)	By Family Trust
Common Stock	03/22/2007		M	37,014	A	\$ 20.2625	483,300	I (1)	By Family Trust
Common Stock	03/22/2007		S(2)	86,964	D	\$ 40	396,336	I (1)	By Family Trust
Common Stock	03/22/2007		S(2)	100	D	\$ 40.02	396,236	I (1)	By Family Trust

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Common Stock	33,289 (3)	D	
Common Stock	19,519	I	By 401(k)
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. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of or 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)	\$ 20.2625	03/22/2007		M	50	01/25/2006	01/25/2015	Common Stock	50
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 20.2625	03/22/2007		M	37,014	01/25/2007	01/25/2015	Common Stock	37,014

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
ENGELHARDT IRL F 701 MARKET STREET ST. LOUIS, MO 63101-1826	X						

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Signatures

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

03/26/2007

**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 6,249 shares acquired pursuant to the Company's Employee Stock Purchase Plan.
- (4) Not applicable.
- (5) The numbers reported in this column 9 of Table II do not include an additional 1,246,272 options with different expiration dates and exercise prices.

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