MASSEY ENERGY CO Form 8-K July 06, 2007

## SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

**CURRENT REPORT** 

PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF

THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported) July 6, 2007 (July 5, 2007)

# **MASSEY ENERGY COMPANY**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Delaware** (State or other jurisdiction

1-7775 (Commission File No.)

95-0740960 (I.R.S. Employer

of Incorporation)

**Identification Number)** 

4 North 4th Street, Richmond, Virginia (Address of principal executive offices)

23219

(Zip Code)

Registrants telephone number, including area code: (804) 788-1800

N/A

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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#### Item 8.01. Other Events.

On July 5, 2007, Massey Energy Company (the Registrant ) became aware of a shareholder derivative complaint filed on July 2, 2007 in the Circuit Court of Kanawha County, West Virginia, by Manville Personal Injury Trust (the Plaintiff ), asserting that it is a shareholder acting on behalf of the Registrant, which is a nominal defendant, and naming as individual defendants each of the members of its Board of Directors, certain of its former directors and several of its employees (collectively, the Defendants ).

The complaint alleges breach of fiduciary duties to the Registrant arising out of Defendants alleged failure to cause the Registrant to comply with applicable state and federal environmental and worker-safety laws and regulations. The complaint seeks to recover unspecified damages in favor of the Registrant, appropriate equitable relief, and an award to the Plaintiff of the costs and expenses associated with this action.

The Registrant intends to defend this action vigorously.

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### **SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

MASSEY ENERGY COMPANY

Date: July 6, 2007 /s/ Richard R. Grinnan

Name: Richard R. Grinnan

Title: Vice President and Corporate Secretary