

WHITING RICHARD M

Form 4

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**FORM 4****UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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 1(b).

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

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934,  
 Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section  
 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
**WHITING RICHARD M**

(Last) (First) (Middle)

701 MARKET STREET

(Street)

ST. LOUIS, MO 63101-1826

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading  
 Symbol

PEABODY ENERGY CORP [BTU]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
 (Month/Day/Year)

06/03/2005

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 below) \_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)

EVP - Sales and Marketing

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check  
 Applicable Line)  
 \_\_\_\_X\_\_\_\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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 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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	06/03/2005		M	10,000 A	\$ 14 70,498 <sup>(1)</sup> <sup>(2)</sup>	I	By Trust
Common Stock	06/03/2005		S <sup>(3)</sup>	10,000 D	\$ 50 60,498 <sup>(1)</sup> <sup>(2)</sup>	I	By Trust

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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4)
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 14 <sup>(4)</sup>	06/03/2005		M	10,000	05/21/2003 <sup>(5)</sup> 05/21/2011	Common Stock 10,000

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
WHITING RICHARD M 701 MARKET STREET ST. LOUIS, MO 63101-1826	Director 10% Owner Officer EVP - Sales and Marketing

## Signatures

Richard M. Whiting by Joseph W. Bean,  
Attorney-in-Fact

06/03/2005

\_\_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) Amount does not include 4,556 shares held directly by the reporting person.
- (2) Amounts have been adjusted to reflect the 2-for-1 stock split announced by the Company in March 2005.
- (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 announced by the Company in March 2005.
- (5) Of the 10,000 options exercised, 1,545 vested on May 21, 2003, and 8,455 vested on May 21, 2004.

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