PEABODY ENERGY CORP Form 8-K March 22, 2010

# UNITED STATES 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) March 22, 2010
PEABODY ENERGY CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware 1-16463 13-4004153

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

(Commission File Number)

(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

701 Market Street, St. Louis, Missouri

63101-1826

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

Registrant s telephone number, including area code (314) 342-3400

N/A

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

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

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- o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

# Item 7.01. Regulation FD Disclosure.

On March 22, 2010, Peabody Energy Corporation (Peabody) management will be presenting at the Howard Weil 2010 Energy Conference in New Orleans, Louisiana. A related written presentation is furnished as Exhibit 99.1 hereto.

## Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

Exhibit No. Description of Exhibit

99.1 Peabody written presentation dated March 22, 2010.

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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.

## PEABODY ENERGY CORPORATION

March 22, 2010 By: /s/ Kenneth L. Wagner

Name: Kenneth L. Wagner

Title: Vice President, Assistant General Counsel

and Assistant Secretary

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