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**FORM 4**

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

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
 Schoch Alexander C

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 PEABODY ENERGY CORP [BTU]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 701 MARKET STREET  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 01/04/2010

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 Exec VP & CLO

ST. LOUIS, MO 63101  
 (City) (State) (Zip)

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**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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
|                                 |                                      |  | Code                           | V   | Amount  | (A) or (D)   | Price   |
| Common Stock                    | 01/06/2010 <sup>(1)</sup>            |  | M                              |   | 8,614   | A  | \$ 39.1584  |
| Common Stock                    | 01/06/2010 <sup>(1)</sup>            |  | M                              |   | 12,665  | A  | \$ 34.9553  |
| Common Stock                    | 01/06/2010 <sup>(1)</sup>            |  | M                              |   | 7,311   | A  | \$ 26.84  |
| Common Stock                    | 01/06/2010 <sup>(1)</sup>            |  | S                              |   | 28,500  | D  | \$ 50   |
| Common Stock                    | 01/06/2010 <sup>(1)</sup>            |  | S                              |   | 90  | D  | \$ 50.02  |

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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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|
|  |  |                                      |  | Code                           | V (A) (D)   | Date Exercisable Expiration Date                         | Title   |
| Employee Stock Option (right to buy)       | \$ 47.87   | 01/04/2010                           |  | A                              | 11,097  | <sup>(3)</sup> 01/04/2020                                | Common Stock 11   |
| Employee Stock Option (right to buy)       | \$ 39.1584   | 01/06/2010 <sup>(1)</sup>            |  | M                              | 8,614   | <sup>(5)</sup> 10/16/2016                                | Common Stock 8  |
| Employee Stock Option (right to buy)       | \$ 34.9553   | 01/06/2010 <sup>(1)</sup>            |  | M                              | 12,665  | <sup>(6)</sup> 01/03/2017                                | Common Stock 12   |
| Employee Stock Option (right to buy)       | \$ 26.84   | 01/06/2010 <sup>(1)</sup>            |  | M                              | 7,311   | 01/05/2010 01/05/2019                                    | Common Stock 7  |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                 | Relationships |           |               |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer       | Other |
| Schoch Alexander C<br>701 MARKET STREET<br>ST. LOUIS, MO 63101 |               |           | Exec VP & CLO |       |

## Signatures

Alexander C. Schoch By: Kenneth L. Wagner  
Attorney-in-fact

01/06/2010

\_\_Signature of Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).
- \*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. *See* 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) This exercise/sale was effected pursuant to a pre-existing Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the reporting person.
- (2) Includes 1,456 shares held by the reporting person in the Company's Employee Stock Purchase Plan.
- (3) The options vest in three equal annual installments beginning January 5, 2011.
- (4) Does not include employee stock options with different expiration dates and exercise prices.
- (5) 4,307 options vested on January 3, 2009 and 4,307 options vested on January 3, 2010.
- (6) 6,332 options vested on January 3, 2009 and 6,333 options vested on January 3, 2010.

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