

JAMES WILLIAM E

Form 4

May 22, 2007

**FORM 4****UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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1(b).

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

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
JAMES WILLIAM E

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O ROCKPORT CAPITAL  
PARTNERS, LLC, 160 FEDERAL  
STREET, 18TH FLOOR

(Street)

BOSTON, MA 02110-1776

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
05/21/2007

4. If Amendment, Date Original  
Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to  
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

☒ Director ☐ 10% Owner  
☐ Officer (give title below) ☐ Other (specify below)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check  
Applicable Line)  
☒ Form filed by One Reporting Person  
☐ Form filed by More than One Reporting  
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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price		
Common Stock	05/21/2007		M		12,600	A	\$ 3.5725	14,461	D
Common Stock	05/21/2007		S		4,900	D	\$ 54.94	9,561	D
Common Stock	05/21/2007		S		600	D	\$ 54.92	8,961	D
Common Stock	05/21/2007		S		700	D	\$ 54.93	8,261	D
Common Stock	05/21/2007		S		600	D	\$ 54.9	7,661	D

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Common Stock	05/21/2007	S	5,800	D	\$ 54.88	1,861	D	
Common Stock						7,520	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 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)	\$ 3.5725	05/21/2007		M	12,600	05/22/2001 05/19/2008	Common Stock	12,600	

## Reporting Owners

### Reporting Owner Name / Address

### Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

JAMES WILLIAM E  
C/O ROCKPORT CAPITAL PARTNERS, LLC  
160 FEDERAL STREET, 18TH FLOOR  
BOSTON, MA 02110-1776

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## Signatures

William E. James By: Joseph W. Bean,  
Attorney-in-Fact

05/22/2007

\_\_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) Not applicable.

(2) Does not include an additional 216,923 options with different expiration dates and exercise prices.

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