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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

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See Instruction 1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * KARN ROBERT B III

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

PEABODY ENERGY CORP [BTU]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

(Check all applicable)

Issuer

(Last)

(Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year)

02/12/2010

_X__ Director Officer (give title

10% Owner _ Other (specify

C/O PEABODY ENERGY CORPORATION,, 701 MARKET **STREET**

(First)

(Street)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

ST. LOUIS, MO 63101-1826

(City)	(State)	(Zip) 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 3. 4. Securities Acquired Execution Date, if Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) any Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8)				of (D)	5. Amount of Securities Ownership Beneficially Owned 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)	
Common Stock	02/12/2010		Code V S	Amount 0.4358	(D)	Price \$ 43.43	1,540.4358	I	By Family Trust	
Common Stock	02/12/2010		S	0.4358	D	\$ 43.62	1,540	I	By Family Trust	
Common Stock							13,912	I	By Trust	
Common Stock							8,801	D		

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)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. orNumber of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or		ate	7. Title Amour Underl Securit (Instr.:	unt of erlying	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Nu Deriv Secur Bene Owne Follo Repo
				Disposed						Trans
				of (D) (Instr. 3,						(Instr
				4, and 5)						
					Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of		
			Code V	(A) (D)				Shares		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

KARN ROBERT B III C/O PEABODY ENERGY CORPORATION, 701 MARKET STREET ST. LOUIS, MO 63101-1826

X

Signatures

Robert B. Karn By: Kenneth L. Wagner Attorney-in-Fact

02/12/2010

**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).

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