

ENGELHARDT IRL F  
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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 \*  
ENGELHARDT IRL F

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)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
12/21/2005

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

Chairman and CEO

701 MARKET STREET

(Street)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

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 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)
			Code	V Amount (A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock	12/21/2005		S <sup>(1)</sup>	300 D \$ 82.11	290,318	I <sup>(2)</sup>	By Family Trust
Common Stock	12/21/2005		S <sup>(1)</sup>	1,300 D \$ 82.1	289,018	I <sup>(2)</sup>	By Family Trust
Common Stock	12/21/2005		S <sup>(1)</sup>	100 D \$ 82.09	288,918	I <sup>(2)</sup>	By Family Trust
Common Stock	12/21/2005		S <sup>(1)</sup>	600 D \$ 82.08	288,318	I <sup>(2)</sup>	By Family Trust
Common Stock	12/21/2005		S <sup>(1)</sup>	400 D \$ 82.07	287,918	I <sup>(2)</sup>	By Family Trust

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Common Stock	12/21/2005	<u>S</u> <sup>(1)</sup>	600	D	\$ 82.06	287,318	<u>I</u> <sup>(2)</sup>	By Family Trust
Common Stock	12/21/2005	<u>S</u> <sup>(1)</sup>	1,100	D	\$ 82.05	286,218	<u>I</u> <sup>(2)</sup>	By Family Trust
Common Stock	12/21/2005	<u>S</u> <sup>(1)</sup>	2,800	D	\$ 82.04	283,418	<u>I</u> <sup>(2)</sup>	By Family Trust
Common Stock	12/21/2005	<u>S</u> <sup>(1)</sup>	400	D	\$ 82.03	283,018	<u>I</u> <sup>(2)</sup>	By Family Trust
Common Stock	12/21/2005	<u>S</u> <sup>(1)</sup>	900	D	\$ 82.02	282,118	<u>I</u> <sup>(2)</sup>	By Family Trust
Common Stock	12/21/2005	<u>S</u> <sup>(1)</sup>	500	D	\$ 82.01	281,618	<u>I</u> <sup>(2)</sup>	By Family Trust
Common Stock	12/21/2005	<u>S</u> <sup>(1)</sup>	5,300	D	\$ 82	276,318	<u>I</u> <sup>(2)</sup>	By Family Trust
Common Stock	12/21/2005	<u>S</u> <sup>(1)</sup>	100	D	\$ 81.99	276,218	<u>I</u> <sup>(2)</sup>	By Family Trust
Common Stock	12/21/2005	<u>S</u> <sup>(1)</sup>	100	D	\$ 81.98	276,118	<u>I</u> <sup>(2)</sup>	By Family Trust
Common Stock	12/21/2005	<u>S</u> <sup>(1)</sup>	100	D	\$ 81.97	276,018	<u>I</u> <sup>(2)</sup>	By Family Trust
Common Stock	12/21/2005	<u>S</u> <sup>(1)</sup>	100	D	\$ 81.96	275,918	<u>I</u> <sup>(2)</sup>	By Family Trust
Common Stock	12/21/2005	<u>S</u> <sup>(1)</sup>	1,400	D	\$ 81.94	274,518	<u>I</u> <sup>(2)</sup>	By Family Trust
Common Stock	12/21/2005	<u>S</u> <sup>(1)</sup>	1,100	D	\$ 81.93	273,418	<u>I</u> <sup>(2)</sup>	By Family Trust
Common Stock	12/21/2005	<u>S</u> <sup>(1)</sup>	200	D	\$ 81.91	273,218	<u>I</u> <sup>(2)</sup>	By Family Trust
Common Stock	12/21/2005	<u>S</u> <sup>(1)</sup>	400	D	\$ 81.9	272,818	<u>I</u> <sup>(2)</sup>	By Family Trust
Common Stock	12/21/2005	<u>S</u> <sup>(1)</sup>	100	D	\$ 81.88	272,718	<u>I</u> <sup>(2)</sup>	By Family Trust
Common Stock	12/21/2005	<u>S</u> <sup>(1)</sup>	1,600	D	\$ 81.8	271,118	<u>I</u> <sup>(2)</sup>	By Family Trust
Common Stock						15,626	<u>D</u> <sup>(3)</sup>	
Common Stock						8,358	I	By 401(k) Plan
Common Stock						2,200	I	By Spouse

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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 Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 5)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
ENGELHARDT IRL F 701 MARKET STREET ST. LOUIS, MO 63101-1826	X		Chairman and CEO	

## Signatures

Irl F. Engelhardt By: Joseph W. Bean,  
Attorney-in-Fact  
Date: 12/22/2005

\_\_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) This sale was effected pursuant to a pre-existing Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the reporting person.
- (2) Pursuant to the Rule 10b5-1 trading plan referred to in footnote 1, upon exercise of the options the shares are immediately transferred to a family trust.
- (3) Includes 2,166 shares acquired under the Company's Employee Stock Purchase Plan.

### Remarks:

Additional transactions from December 21, 2005 were reported on a separately filed Form 4.

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