

PEABODY ENERGY CORP  
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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 \*  
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)  
12/03/2007

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  
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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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount or Price		
Common Stock	12/03/2007		M <sup>(1)</sup>		100,000 A \$ 3.3001	101,861	D
Common Stock	12/03/2007		S <sup>(1)</sup>		20,000 D \$ 55.1092	81,861	D
Common Stock	12/03/2007		S <sup>(1)</sup>		20,000 D \$ 55.1154	61,861	D
Common Stock	12/03/2007		S <sup>(1)</sup>		20,000 D \$ 55.099	41,861	D
Common Stock	12/03/2007		S <sup>(1)</sup>		20,000 D \$ 55.2166	21,861	D



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(2) Not applicable.

(3) Does not include an additional 31,745 options with different expiration dates and exercise prices.

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