

PEABODY ENERGY CORP  
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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 \*  
TREASE SANDRA VAN

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O BJC HEALTHCARE, 4444  
FOREST PARK AVENUE

(Street)

ST. LOUIS, MO 63108

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
05/09/2008

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)  
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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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D) Code V Amount (D) Price			
Common Stock	05/09/2008		M	A \$ 4,331 6.3162	22,939	D	
Common Stock	05/09/2008		M	A \$ 7,595 6.5841	30,534	D	
Common Stock	05/09/2008		S	D \$ 5,100 68.5	25,434	D	
Common Stock	05/09/2008		S	D \$ 200 68.52	25,234	D	
Common Stock	05/09/2008		S	D \$ 100 68.53	25,134	D	

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Common Stock	05/09/2008	S	3,700	D	\$ 68.56	21,434	D
Common Stock	05/09/2008	S	300	D	\$ 68.59	21,134	D
Common Stock	05/09/2008	S	1,400	D	\$ 68.6	19,734	D
Common Stock	05/09/2008	S	1,026	D	\$ 68.61	18,708	D
Common Stock	05/09/2008	S	100	D	\$ 68.62	18,608	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)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities (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. Amount or Number of Shares
Common Stock	\$ 6.3162	05/09/2008		M	4,331	<u>(1)</u> 01/16/2013	Common Stock	4,331
Common Stock	\$ 6.5841	05/09/2008		M	7,595	<u>(4)</u> 05/06/2013	Common Stock	7,595

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
TREASE SANDRA VAN C/O BJC HEALTHCARE 4444 FOREST PARK AVENUE ST. LOUIS, MO 63108	X			

## Signatures

Sandra Van Trease By: Kenneth L. Wagner  
Attorney-in-Fact

05/13/2008

\_\_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) The options vested in three equal annual installments beginning January 16, 2004.
  - (2) Not applicable.
  - (3) Does not include director stock options with different expiration dates and exercise prices.
  - (4) The options vested in three equal annual installments beginning May 6, 2004.

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