

NAVARRE RICHARD A  
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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 \*  
NAVARRE RICHARD A

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)  
701 MARKET STREET  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
12/10/2010

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
Pres & Chief Comm. Officer

ST. LOUIS, MO 63101-1826

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)  
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(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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
|                                 |                                      |  | Code                           | V   | Amount  | (A) or (D)   | Price   |
| Common Stock                    | 12/10/2010                           |  | M <sup>(1)</sup>               |   | 65,025  | A  | \$ 39.8143  |
| Common Stock                    | 12/10/2010                           |  | M <sup>(1)</sup>               |   | 37,693  | A  | \$ 34.9553  |
| Common Stock                    | 12/10/2010                           |  | M <sup>(1)</sup>               |   | 25,751  | A  | \$ 26.84  |
| Common Stock                    | 12/10/2010                           |  | S <sup>(1)</sup>               |   | 17,500  | D  | \$ 60.98 <sup>(2)</sup>                               |
| Common Stock                    | 12/10/2010                           |  | S <sup>(1)</sup>               |   | 110,969   | D  | \$ 61.47 <sup>(3)</sup>                               |

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|                 |         |   |                       |
|-----------------|---------|---|-----------------------|
| Common<br>Stock | 120,900 | I | By<br>Family<br>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) | Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|----------------------------|
| Employee Stock Option (right to buy)       | \$ 39.8143   | 12/10/2010                           |  | M <sup>(1)</sup>               | 65,025  | 01/03/2009 01/03/2016                                    | Common Stock  | 65,025                     |
| Employee Stock Option (right to buy)       | \$ 34.9553   | 12/10/2010                           |  | M <sup>(1)</sup>               | 37,693  | <sup>(6)</sup> 01/03/2017                                | Common Stock  | 37,693                     |
| Employee Stock Option (right to buy)       | \$ 26.84   | 12/10/2010                           |  | M <sup>(1)</sup>               | 25,751  | 01/05/2010 01/05/2019                                    | Common Stock  | 25,751                     |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                     | Relationships  |
|--|--|
| NAVARRE RICHARD A<br>701 MARKET STREET<br>ST. LOUIS, MO 63101-1826 | Director 10% Owner Officer<br>Pres & Chief Comm. Officer |

## Signatures

Richard A. Navarre By: Kenneth L. Wagner  
Attorney-in-Fact

12/14/2010

\_\_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).

(1) This exercise/sale was effected pursuant to a pre-existing Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the reporting person.

This represents the weighted average sale price for the shares. The shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$60.88  
(2) to \$61.08 per share, inclusive. The reporting person will provide upon request by the SEC staff, the issuer or a security holder of the issuer, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price.

This represents the weighted average sale price for the shares. The shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$61.09  
(3) to \$62.08 per share, inclusive. The reporting person will provide upon request by the SEC staff, the issuer or a security holder of the issuer, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price.

(4) Not applicable.

(5) Does not include employee stock options with different expiration dates and exercise prices.

(6) 18,846 options vested on January 3, 2009 and 18,847 options vested on January 3, 2010.

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