

PEABODY ENERGY CORP  
Form 8-K  
December 17, 2004

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

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of Earliest Event Reported):

December 15, 2004

PEABODY ENERGY CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

1-16463

13-4004153

(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

(Commission  
File Number)

(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

701 Market Street, St. Louis, Missouri

63101

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code:

(314) 342-3400

Not Applicable

Former name or former address, if changed since last report

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

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**Item 8.01. Other Events.**

On December 15, 2004, Peabody Energy Corporation ("Peabody") issued a press release to announce that subsidiaries of Peabody had entered into six agreements with American Electric Power ("AEP") in four coal regions for up to 98 million tons of coal that would be used at AEP generating plants in six states. Contract terms extend as long as 2014 and the total implied revenue for the full term of the agreements is approximately \$1.2 billion. The companies also announced that they have resolved outstanding lawsuits regarding coal supplies. A copy of Peabody's press release is attached hereto as exhibit 99.1.

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**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

PEABODY ENERGY CORPORATION

*December 17, 2004*

*By: Richard A. Navarre*

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*Name: Richard A. Navarre*

*Title: Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer*

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<b>Exhibit No.</b>	<b>Description</b>
99.1	Press Release of Peabody Energy Corporation dated December 15, 2004.