TOUHILL BLANCHE M

Form 4

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1(b).

(Last)

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * TOUHILL BLANCHE M

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

PEABODY ENERGY CORP [BTU]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

(Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year)

01/03/2006

X_ Director 10% Owner

Other (specify

(Check all applicable)

Officer (give title below)

C/O PEABODY ENERGY CORPORATION, 701 MARKET **STREET**

(First)

(Street)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

ST. LOUIS, MO 63101

(City) (State) (Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if

(Month/Day/Year)

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Beneficial Ownership Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

Reported

Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

Common

Stock

01/03/2006

Code V Amount 435

A

Price (D)

\$0

(A)

or

A

4.259 (1)

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)

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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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number on for 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)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Director Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 86.2	01/03/2006		A	1,133	01/03/2007(2)	01/02/2016	Common Stock	1,133

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
reporting owner runner reduces	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
TOUHILL BLANCHE M C/O PEABODY ENERGY CORPORATION 701 MARKET STREET ST. LOUIS, MO 63101	X					

Signatures

Blanche M. Touhill by Joseph W. Bean,
Attorney-in-Fact

**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 number of shares has been adjusted to reflect the 2-for-1 stock split effected by the Company in March 2005.
- (2) The options vest in three equal annual installments beginning January 3, 2007.
- (3) Does not include an additional 12,238 options with different expiration dates and exercise prices.

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