GIVENS HENRY JR

Form 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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See Instruction

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * **GIVENS HENRY JR**

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

PEABODY ENERGY CORP [BTU]

(Check all applicable)

C/O PEABODY ENERGY

(Street)

(First)

(Middle)

CORPORATION, 701 MARKET **STREET**

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year) 03/18/2008

_X__ Director 10% Owner Officer (give title _ Other (specify

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) Tab	le I - Non-	Derivativo	Secu	rities Acqui	red, Disposed of,	or Beneficiall	y Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. 4. Securities Acquired (A) Transactiomr Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)			5. Amount of 6. Securities Ownership Beneficially Form: Owned Direct (D) Following or Indirect	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)		
			Code V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	(I) (Instr. 4)	
Common Stock	03/18/2008		M	4,331	A	\$ 10.2122	12,151	D	
Common Stock	03/18/2008		M	4,525	A	\$ 11.0528	16,676	D	
Common Stock	03/18/2008		S	8,100	D	\$ 52.01	8,576	D	
Common Stock	03/18/2008		S	756	D	\$ 52.02	7,820	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. Transactic 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)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amoun or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 10.2122	03/18/2008		M	4,331	03/22/2005(1)	03/22/2014	Common Stock	4,331
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 11.0528	03/18/2008		M	4,525	05/06/2005(4)	05/06/2014	Common Stock	4,525

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
coporting of the ratio, radicos	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
GIVENS HENRY JR C/O PEABODY ENERGY CORPORATION 701 MARKET STREET ST. LOUIS, MO 63101	X					
Signatures						
Henry Givens, Jr. By Kenneth L. Wagner, Attorney-in-Fact		03/18/2008				

**Signature of Reporting Person

Reporting Owners 2

Date

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- * 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 on March 22, 2005.
- (2) Not applicable.
- (3) Does not include employee stock options with different expiration dates and exercise prices.
- (4) The options vested in three equal annual installments beginning on May 6, 2005.

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